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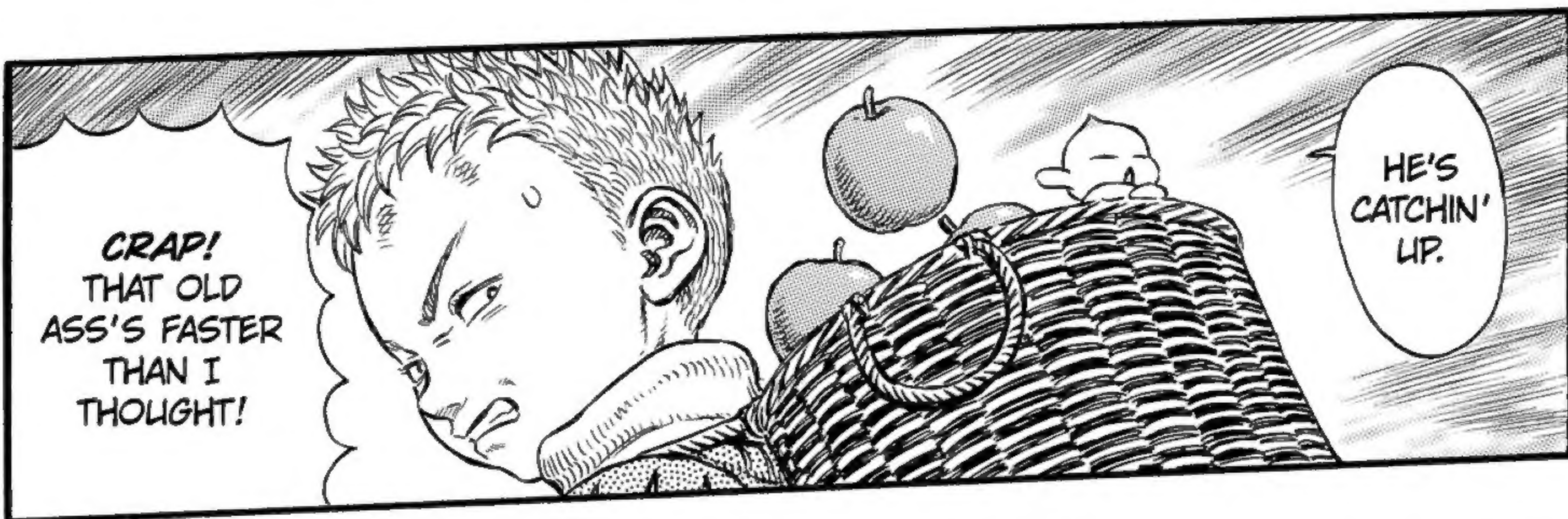


*FX: JUMP

*banner: FOOD PROCUREMENT SQUAD



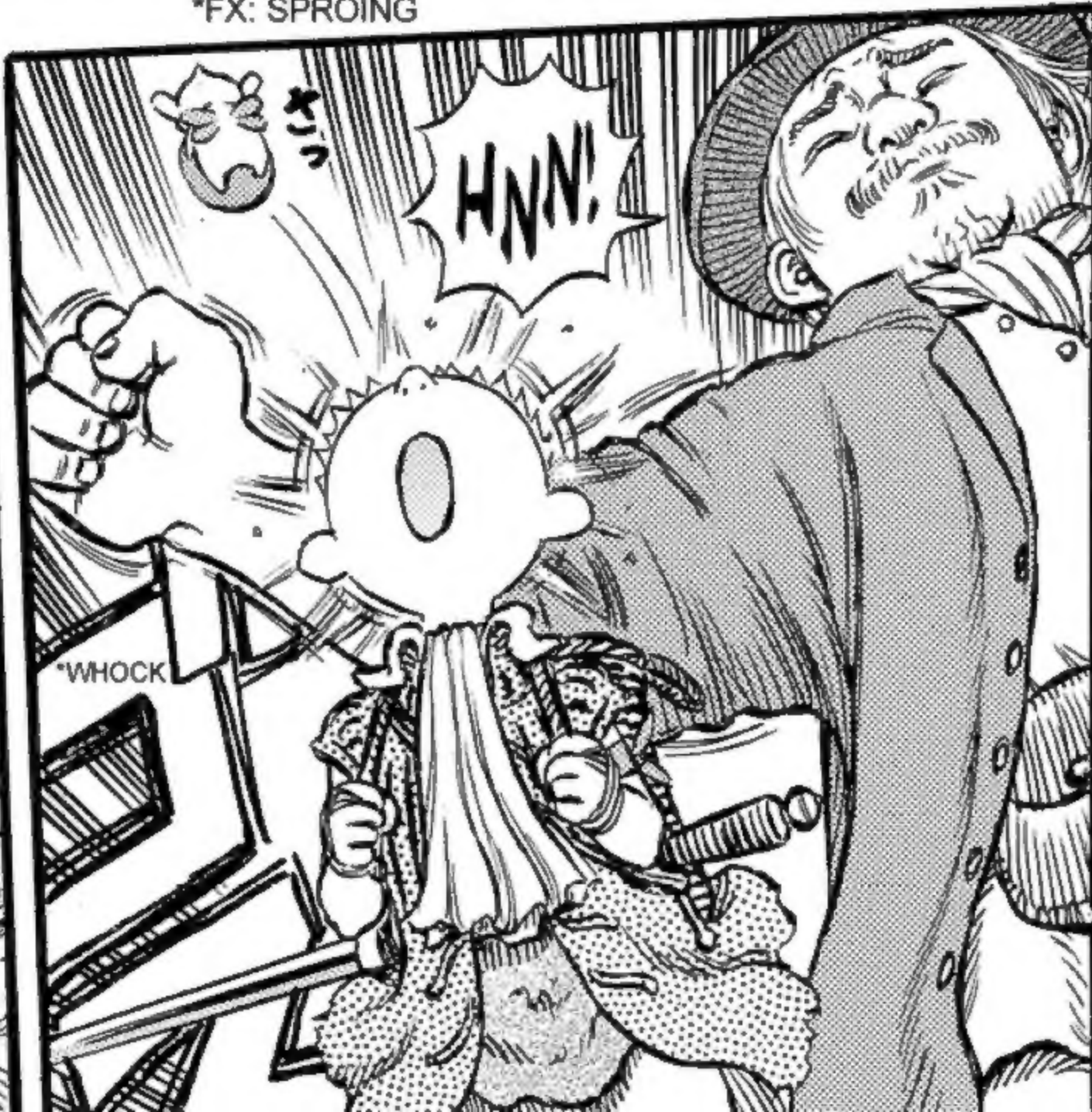
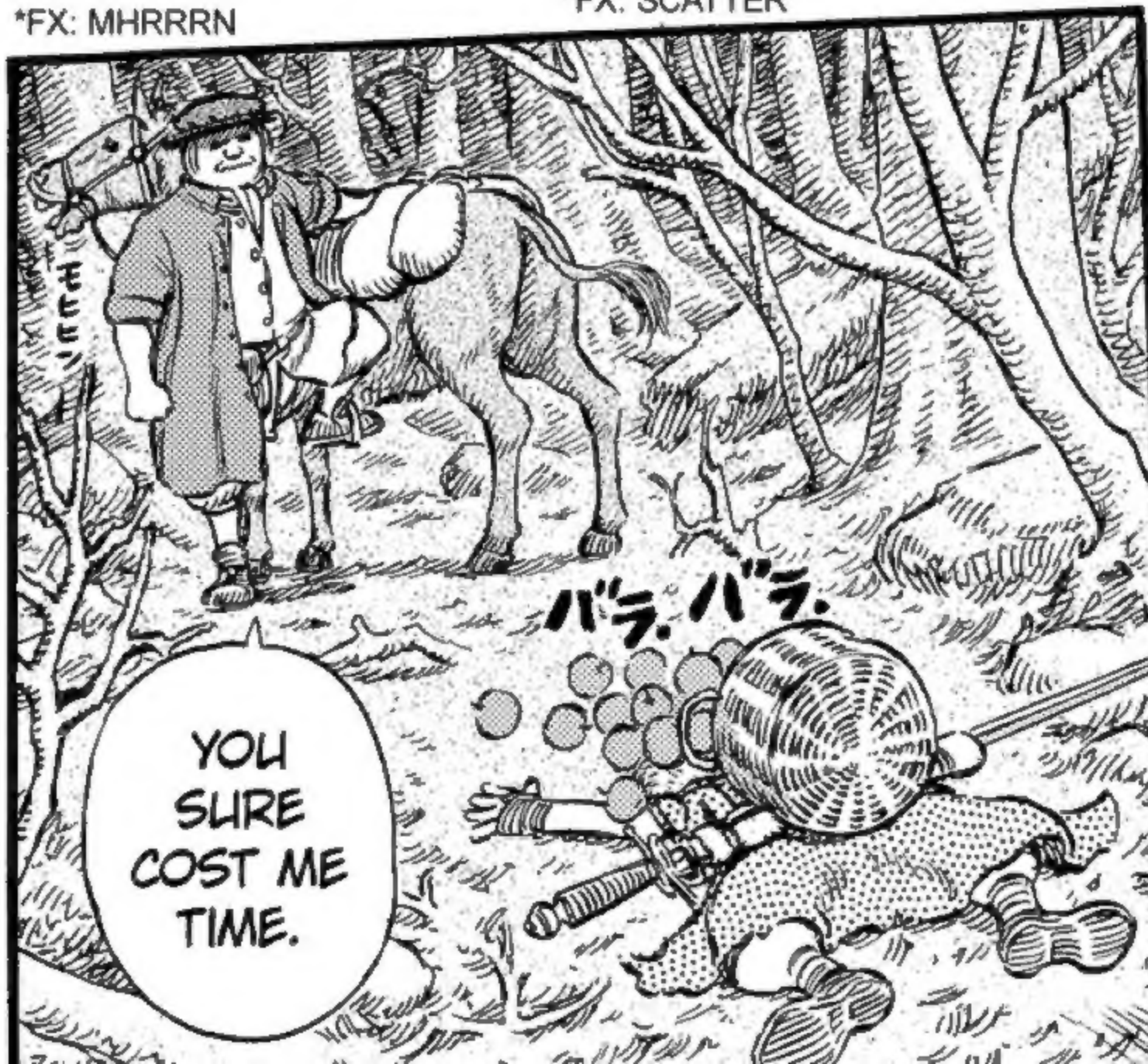
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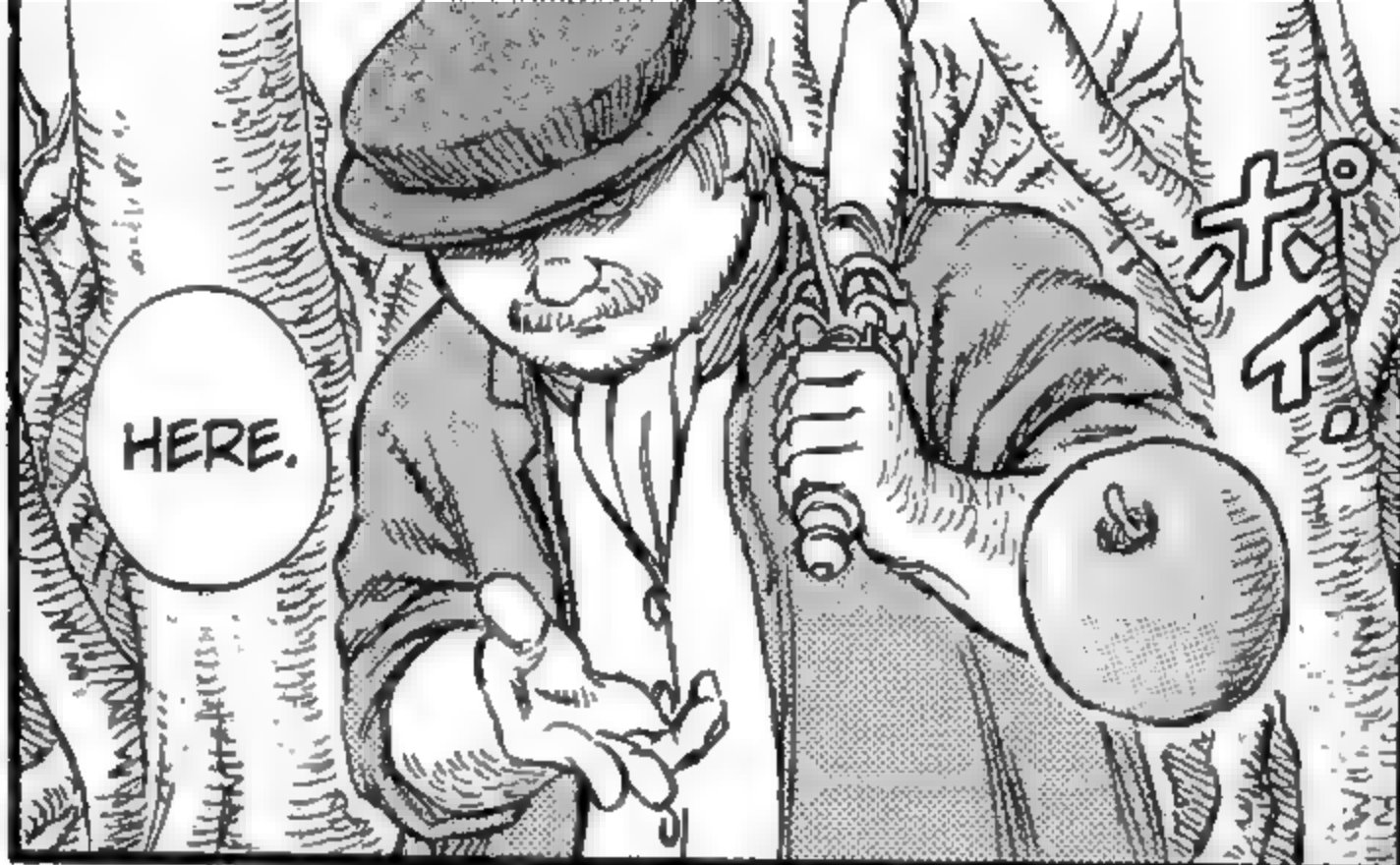


*FX: MHRRRN

*FX: SCATTER

*FX: SPROING





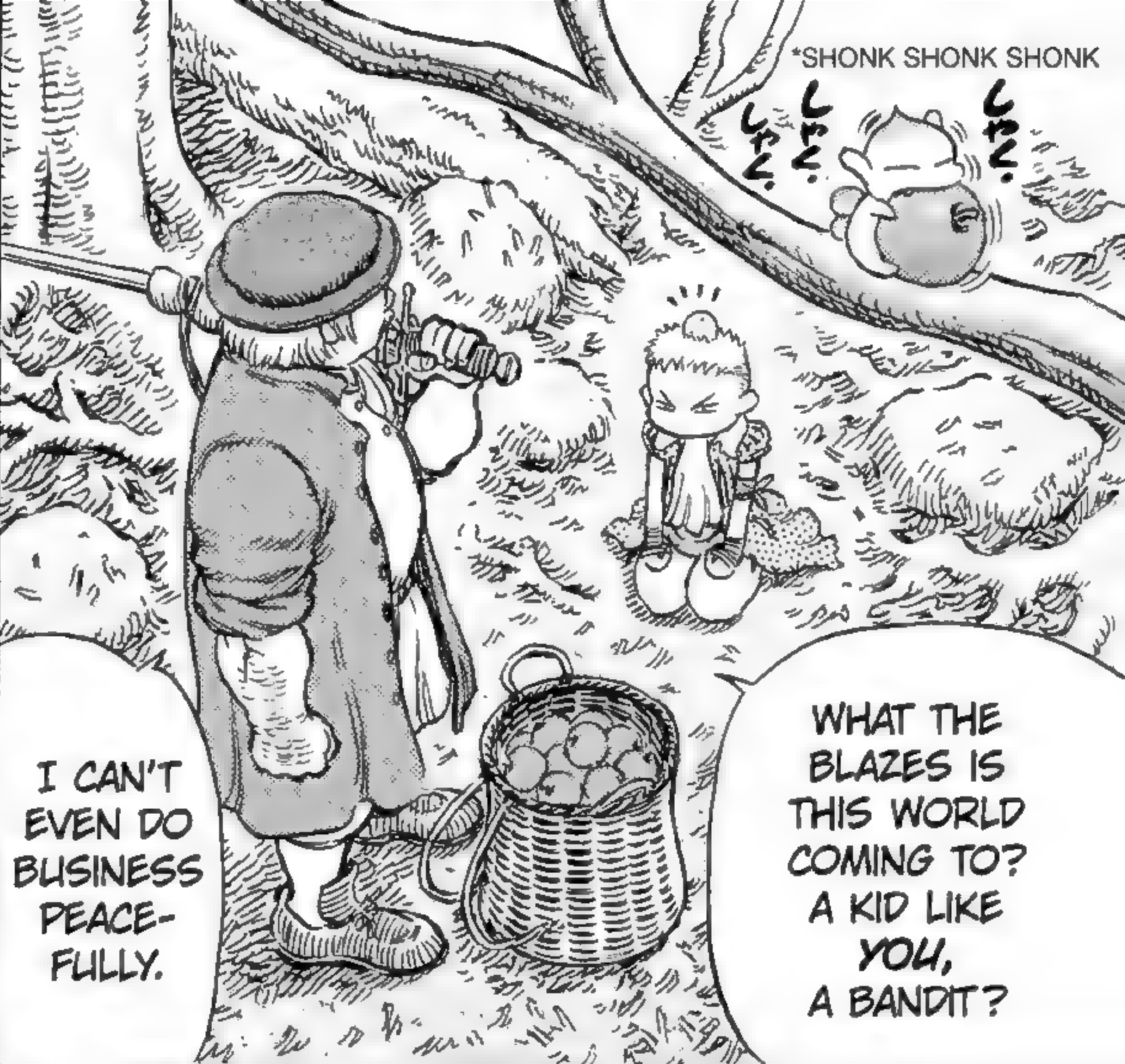
HERE.

*FX: TOSS

*FX: PAP

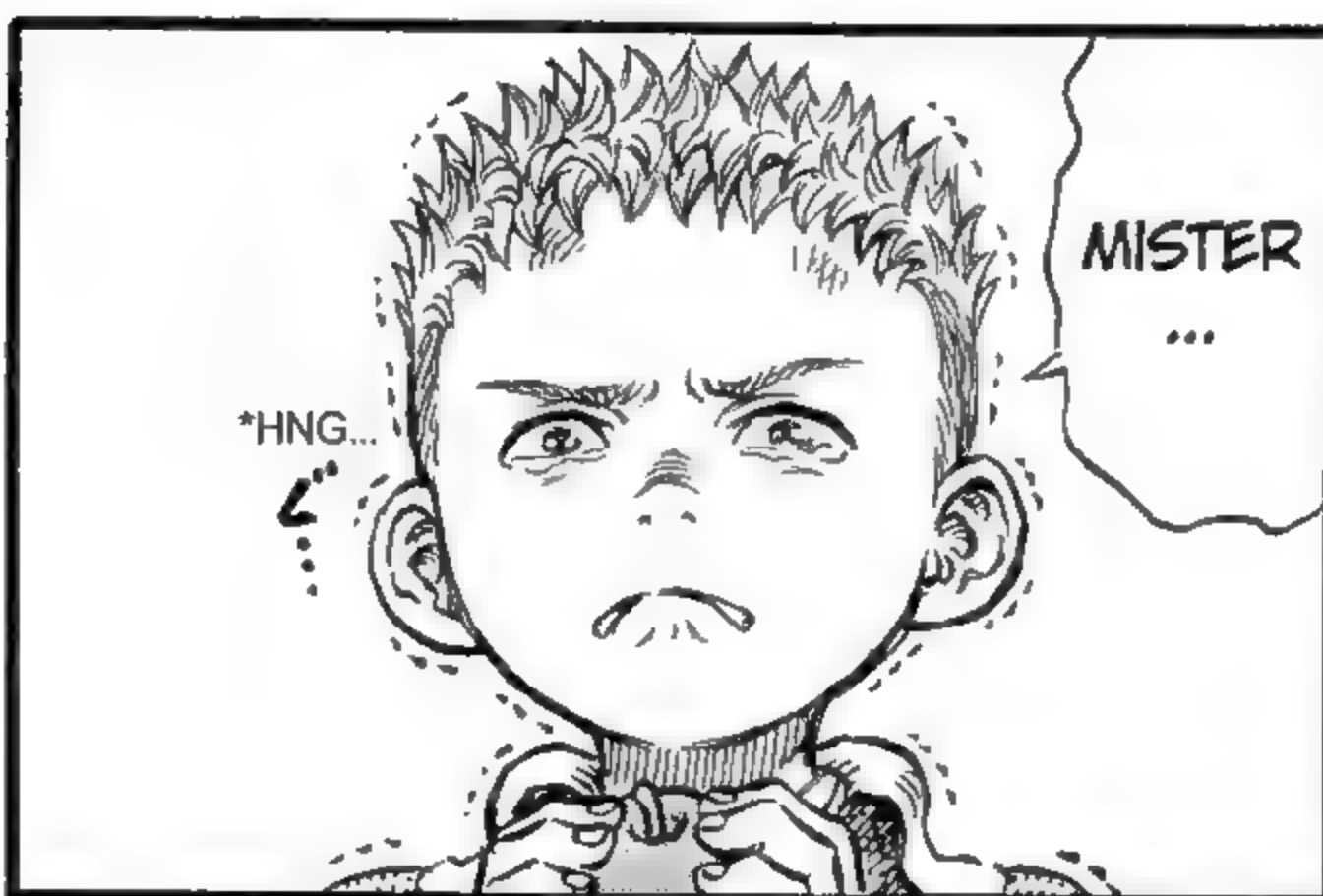


MISTER ...



WHAT THE BLAZES IS THIS WORLD COMING TO? A KID LIKE YOU, A BANDIT?

I CAN'T EVEN DO BUSINESS PEACEFULLY.



MISTER ...

*HNG...



JUST KEEP QUIET AND TAKE IT.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE, A KID LIKE YOU MAKIN' IT ON HIS OWN.



--ROP!!

*HYAH
せい!

*GEFF

*WHUMP



MISHH-TERRR!

DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN, SONNY.

*GRAB

HNNN
HNNN



ISI--

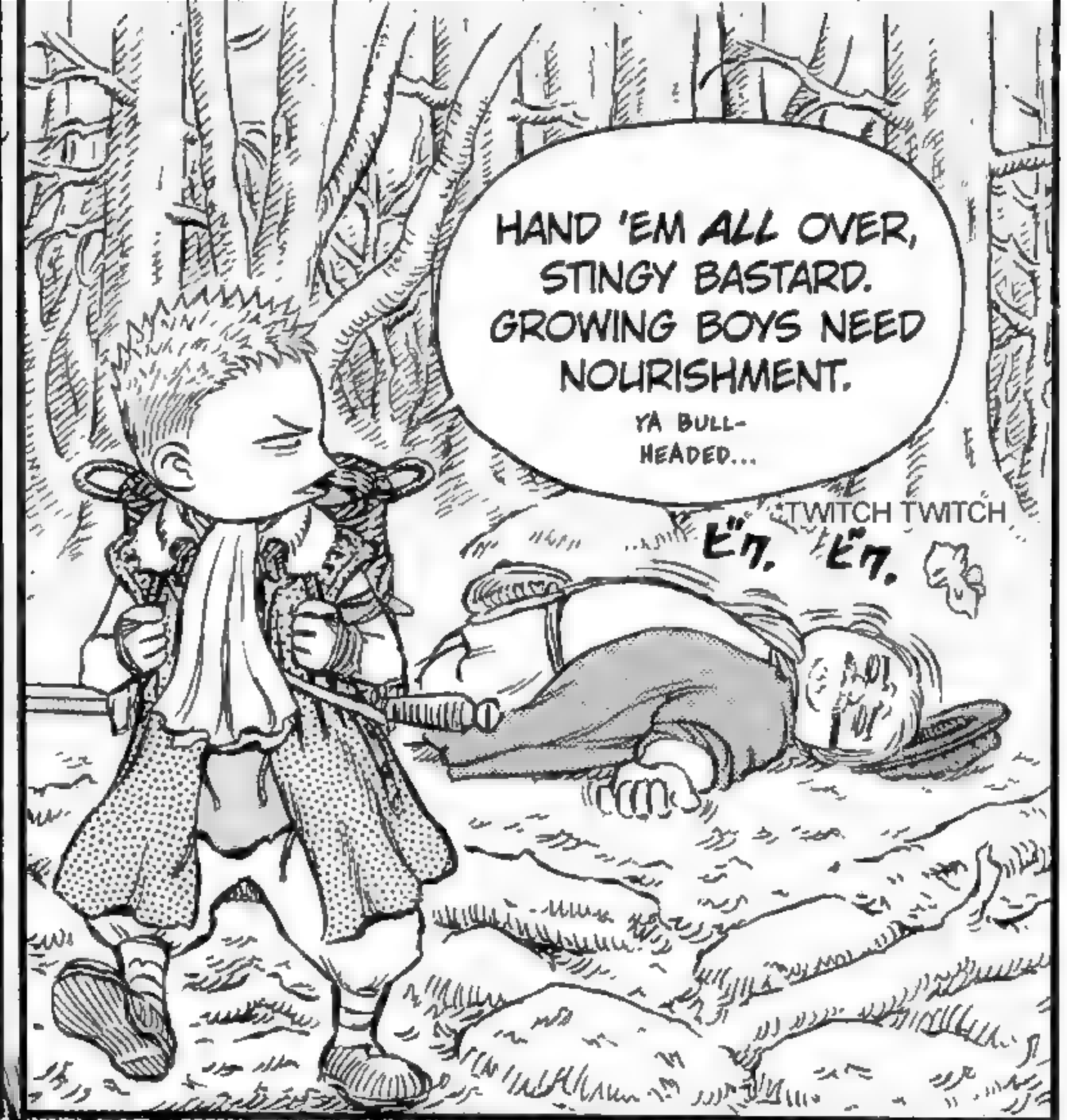


YOU
ROTTEN
SCOUN-
DRELL!

*FLINCH &

*BLORP *BLORP
ドドド?

*ZHA



HAND 'EM ALL OVER,
STINGY BASTARD.
GROWING BOYS NEED
NOURISHMENT.

YA BULL-
HEADED...

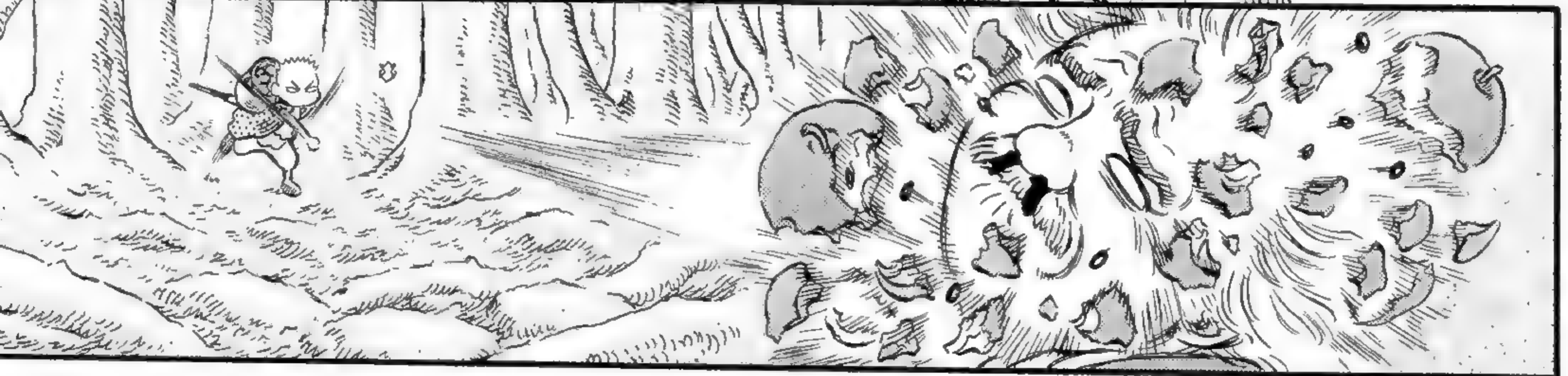
*TWITCH TWITCH
ヒン ヒン



I'LL TIE
YOU UP
AND TOSS
YOU IN THE
RIVER!!

*HNGAHHHH

YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS,
YOU LITTLE
BRAAAAT!!



FISHIN',
HUH? NO
THANKS.

*FX: EEHRRNN CHOMP CHOMP
ヒン ヒン



MY GLOVES'RE WORN AND MY JOINTS ACHE.

AHHH, SHIT!
HOW'M I GONNA LAND A HIT ON GLTS?

THAT'LL BE TOUGH WITH YOUR SKILLS AND HIM BEIN' NEARLY A MONSTER AND ALL.



V'YOU TRIED THROWIN' STONES? LIKE BEFORE?

IT'S MEANINGLESS IF IT AIN'T SWORD-PLAY!

*FX: SHNK SHNK

*FX: WHOP

*FX: WHIP



YEAH, WELL ...

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO STONES, YOU REALLY ARE GOOD.

*FX: FLAP FLAP

*FX: COOO



I'VE SURVIVED 'CAUSE OF THESE AND MY WITS.

AND YOUR IMPUDENCE AND DEPRAVITY ...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STAND UP TO AN ADULT IN A FAIR FIGHT.



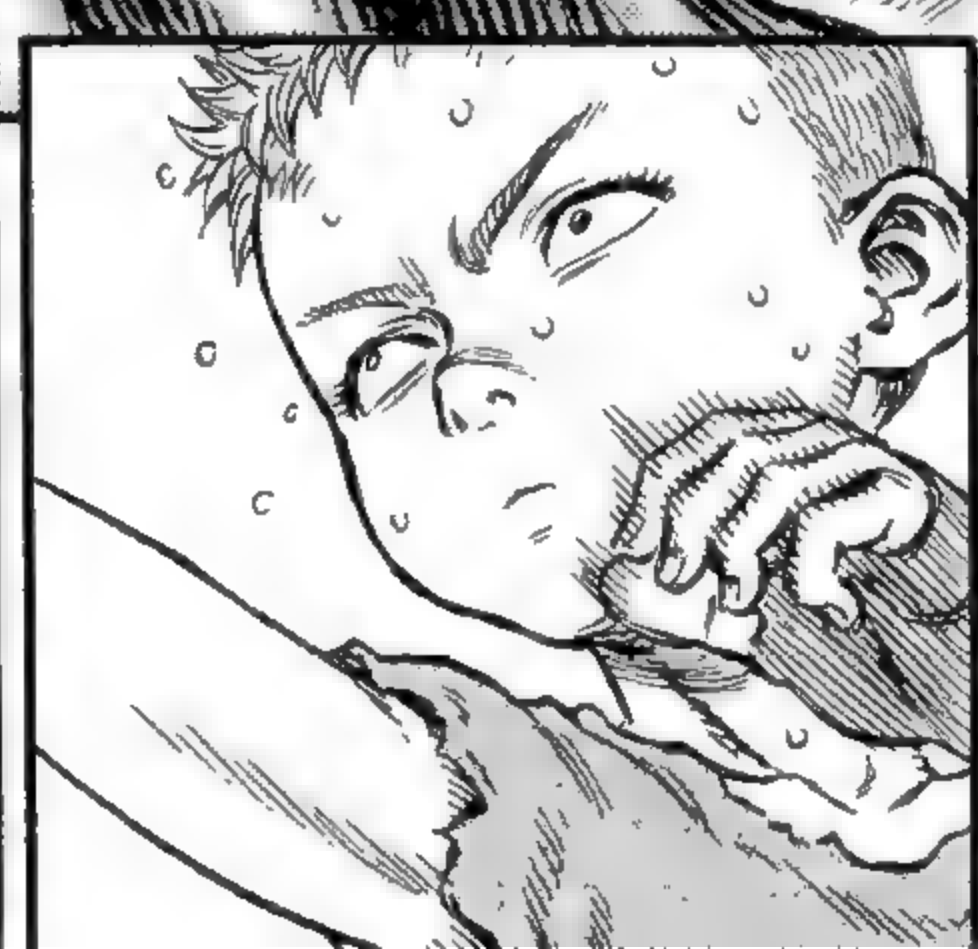
TWO-HANDED THROWIN'. NOW THAT'S SKILL.

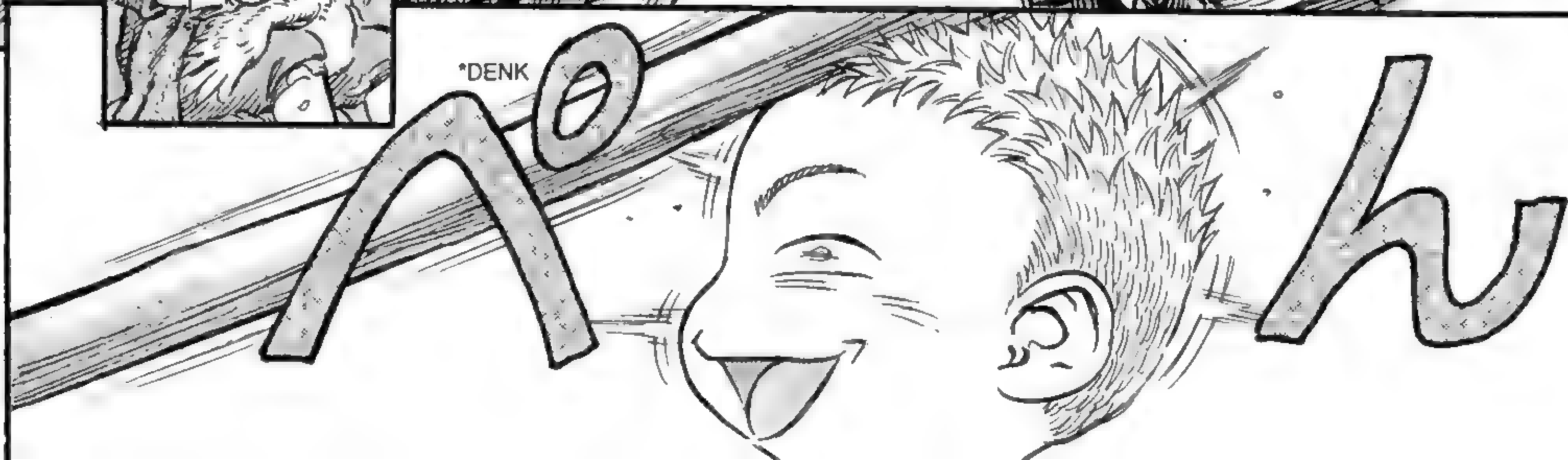
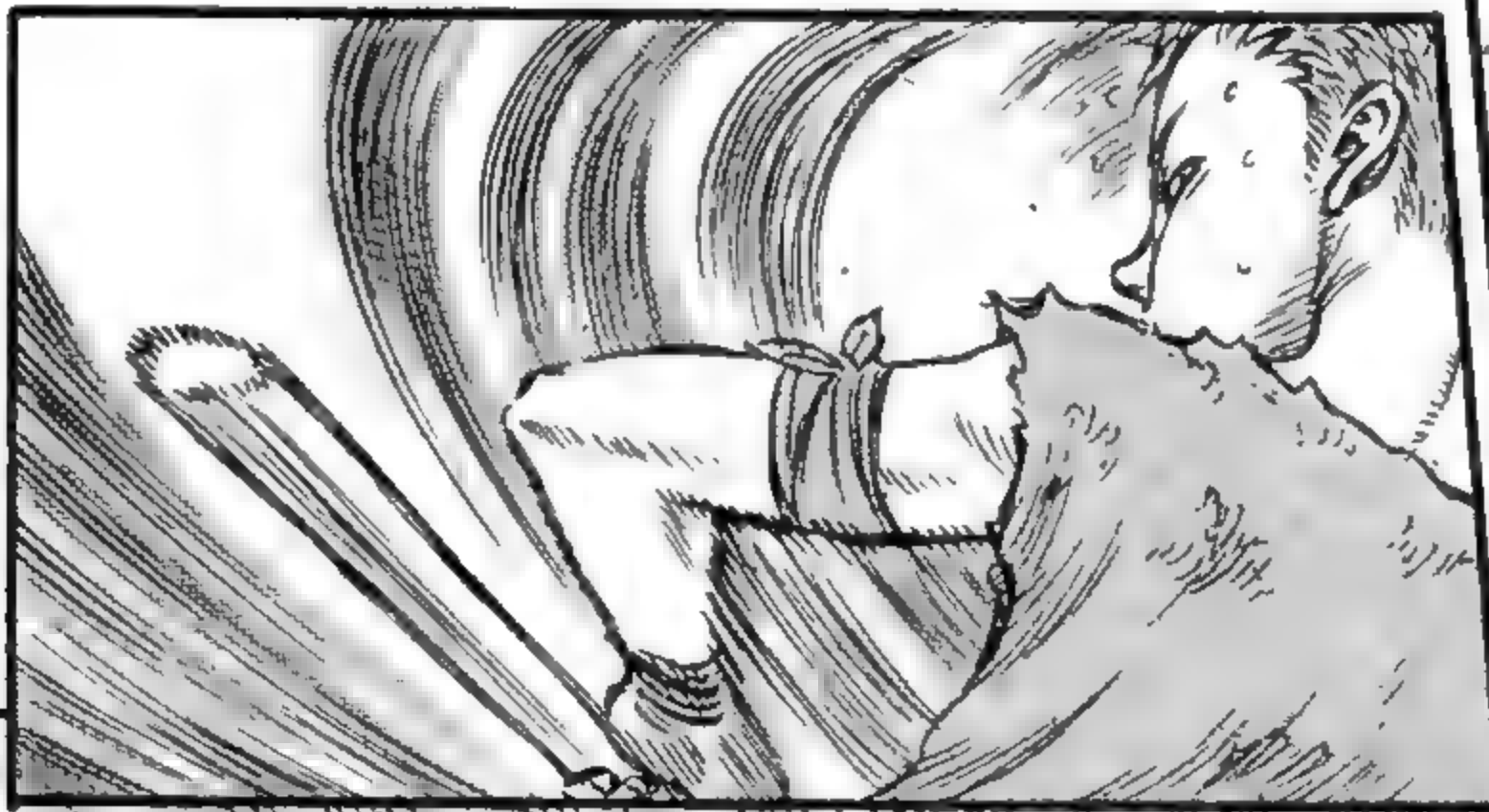
GOT SOME MEAT!
BIG HAUL TODAY.



*FX: CLENCH

*FX: ZHAAAAAH







ACTUALLY,
NO. YOU
WERE
REALLY
ON A ROLL
THERE.

R...
REALLY
?



AN ELF'S
WORK IS
NEVER
DONE.

SON
OF A
BITCH!
I KNEW
IT!



WIELDING
WITH BOTH
HANDS SO
YOU CAN
FEINT WAS
ALSO A
GOOD IDEA.

USE YOUR SMALL
SIZE TO YOUR
ADVANTAGE AND
ATTACK FROM
BELOW, 'CAUSE
MOST FIGHTERS
DON'T EXPECT
LOW BLOWS.



ABOUT
WHAT?

YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS?

HEY.

YOU'D BEST
LAND YOUR
LAST STRIKE
WHERE YOU
CAN SEE
GARMENTS.
IT'D BE
IMPOSSIBLE
TO PEN-
ETRATE
ARMOR
WITH **YOUR**
STRENGTH.



BUT IF YOU
ONLY ATTACK
FROM BELOW,
YOUR ENEMIES'LL
GET USED TO IT.
YOU NEED A PLAN
THEY CAN'T SEE
THROUGH.

UH-
HUH...



.....



YEAH,
BUT...!

AREN'T YOU
LAYIN' THE
GROUNDBREAK
EVERY DAY
?



YOU SURE
ABOUT A
NOVICE LIKE
ME LEARNIN'
THESE
KINDS OF
IMPROVISED
TACTICS?

AIN'T TRAININ'
ABOUT PRACTICIN'
BASICS FOR A
LONG TIME
BEFORE LEARNIN'
TECHNIQUES
AND STUFF?

THEN HOW
'BOUT THE
TRADITIONAL
SCHOOL OF ELF
DIMENSION
STYLE?



EVERYTHING
ABOUT US
IS DIFFERENT,
INCLUDING
FIGHTING
STYLES.

FOR
STARTERS,
YOU WON'T
GET ANY-
WHERE
IMITATIN'
ME, RIGHT
?

.....



TALK ABOUT
PATIENT.

*TMP
トッ
*TMP
トッ

OR DO YOU
PLAN TO WAIT
AND TRAIN
FOR DECADES
TO BECOME
SOME MASTER
BEFORE GOIN'
OUT TO THE
BATTLEFIELD?



IN
THAT
CASE
...

...ALL YOU
CAN DO
IS WORK
WITH WHAT
YOU'VE
CURRENTLY
GOT.



YOU
BET
YOUR
ASS I
DON'T
!!

Y...

YOU DON'T JUST HAVE ONE OPPONENT, AND THERE'S ARROWS AND CANNONBALLS FLYIN' AROUND. YOU CAN'T SURVIVE ONLY ON SWORD SKILLS. THAT SAID, IT AIN'T UNCOMMON FOR SOME HALF-ASSED MASTER TO GET SWARMED AND KILLED BY SOME GANG WANTIN' TO GET FAMOUS.

BESIDES, A BATTLEFIELD'S DIFFERENT FROM EXHIBITION GAMES.

ISN'T THAT...

...HOW YOU'VE MADE IT THIS FAR?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY. STRAIN WHAT FEW WITS YOU HAVE AND THINK FOR YOURSELF.

THEN, HOW DO YOU...

THAT WAS COOOOLD.

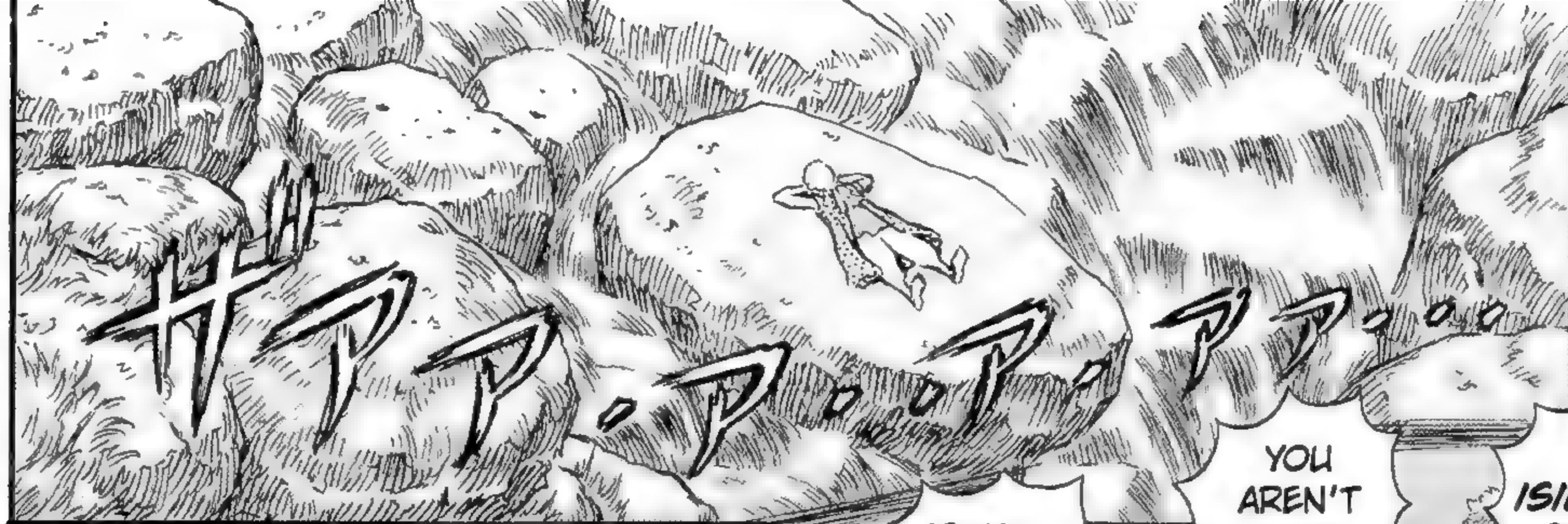
ON THAT NOTE, ELF DIMENSION STYLE IS ONE OF FORCE, MAN TO MAN...

.....

RATHER KIND OF YOU.

WOULD YOU MIND JOINING ME IN GATHERING FIREWOOD ?

FEH!



*FX: ZHAAAAAAH

...YOU
WON'T
EVER
DO 'EM!

IF YOU
WON'T DO
THINGS
WHEN YOU
CAN...

YOU
AREN'T
READY
YET...!

**ISIDRO,
STOP
THIS!**

FAREWELL!!



...ON A
BATTLEFIELD
SINCE THE
TIME I RAN
OUT ON THE
VILLAGE.

THINKIN'
ABOUT IT,
MAYBE I'VE
BEEN...

I'LL BE
THE ONE
WHO USES
THEM!!

IT WAS
CARELESS
OF ME TO
RELY ON
OTHERS!



ME IN
GOVERNMENT
SERVICE?
A COURT
SERVANT?
NO
THANKS!

*SPLURT
SPLURT
*SPLURT

HEH!
WHAT A
LAUGH.

THEN
WHY...?



HOW
PRETENTIOUS
FOR A
GREENHORN.

'DRO.

IN THE FIRST PLACE,
JUST WHATTA YOU
PLAN TO DO ONCE
YOU LEARN THE
SWORD FROM ME?
GOVERNMENT SERVICE
OR SOMETHIN'?

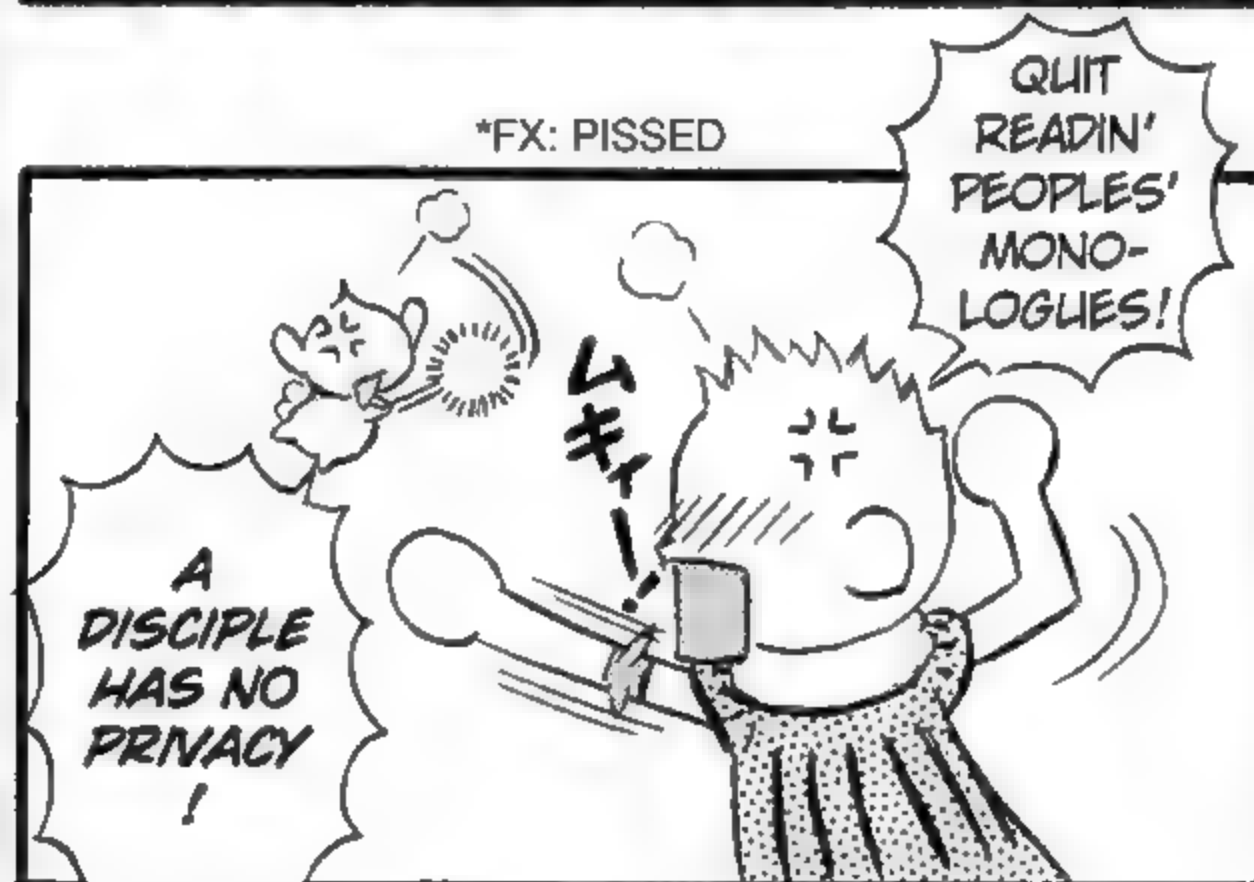
I...I
LOST...?



GO ON, RELY.
AS YOUR
MASTER, I'LL
SPOIL YOU
PLENTY.

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO BE SO
OBSTI-
NATE...

COME,
LEAP INTO
THESE ARMS,
MY SON.



*FX: PISSED

QUIT
READIN'
PEOPLES'
MONO-
LOGUES!

A
DISCIPLE
HAS NO
PRIVACY
!



...OR RISIN' UP
IN SOCIETY!!
WHAT I'M
AFTER IS...

LISTEN UP!
WHAT I'M AFTER
AIN'T AS PETTY AS
COURT SERVICE...



...ULTIMATE
SWORDSMAN
!!!

*DAZZLE

ULTIMATE

'DRO'S (CURRENT) PLAN

...BEIN'
THE...

*YEAHH!

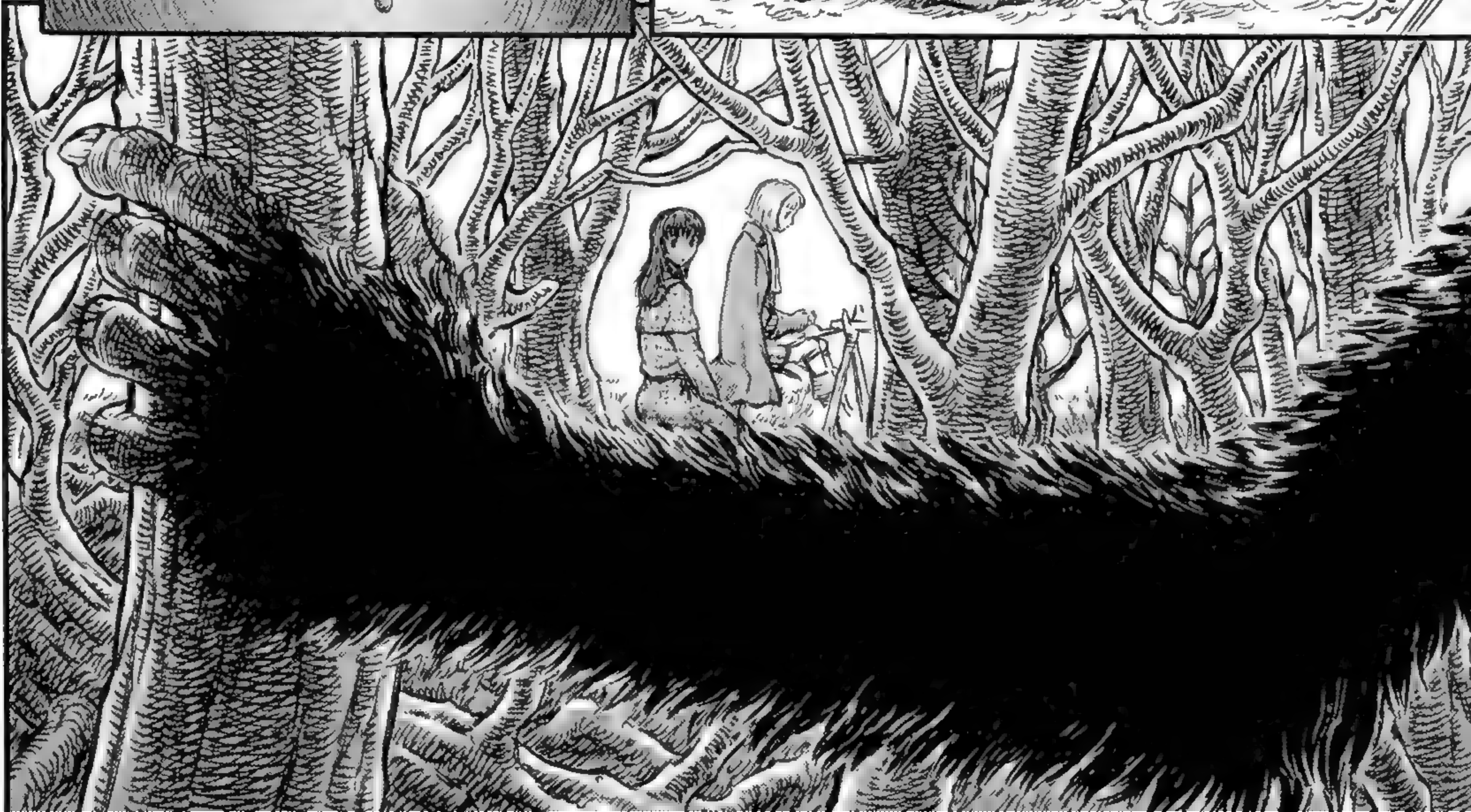
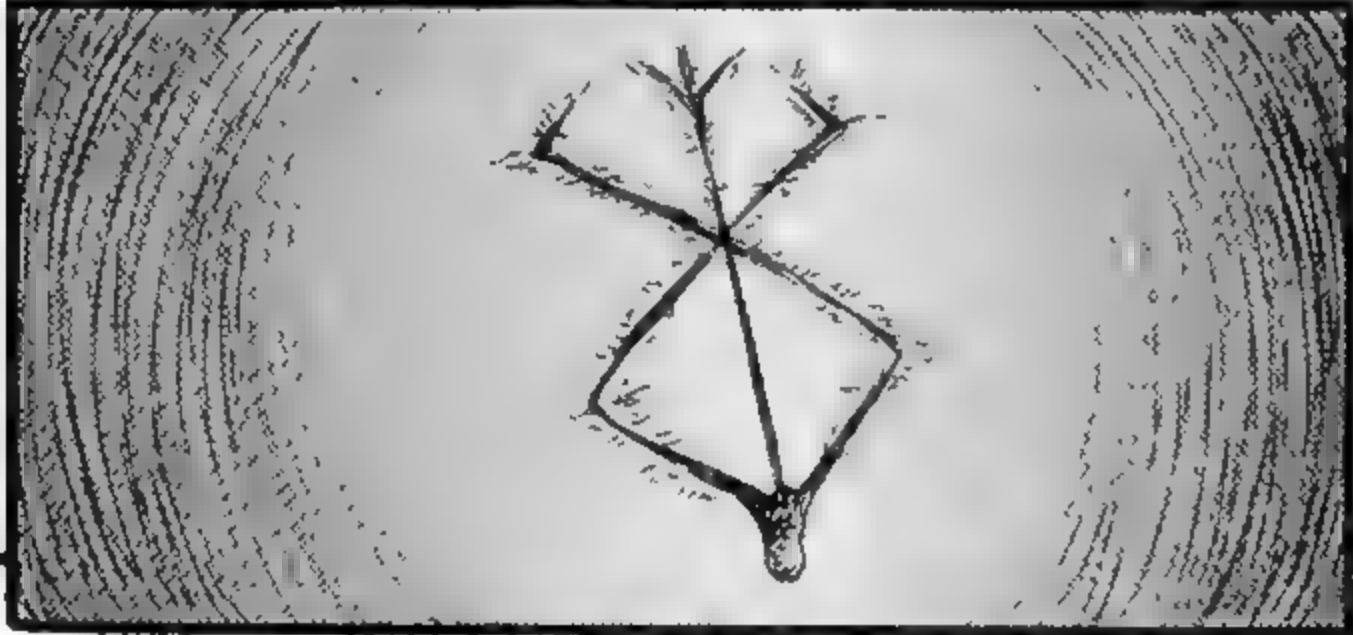




*FX: TWITCH



*FX: WHEWWW





LET'S GET
STARTED.



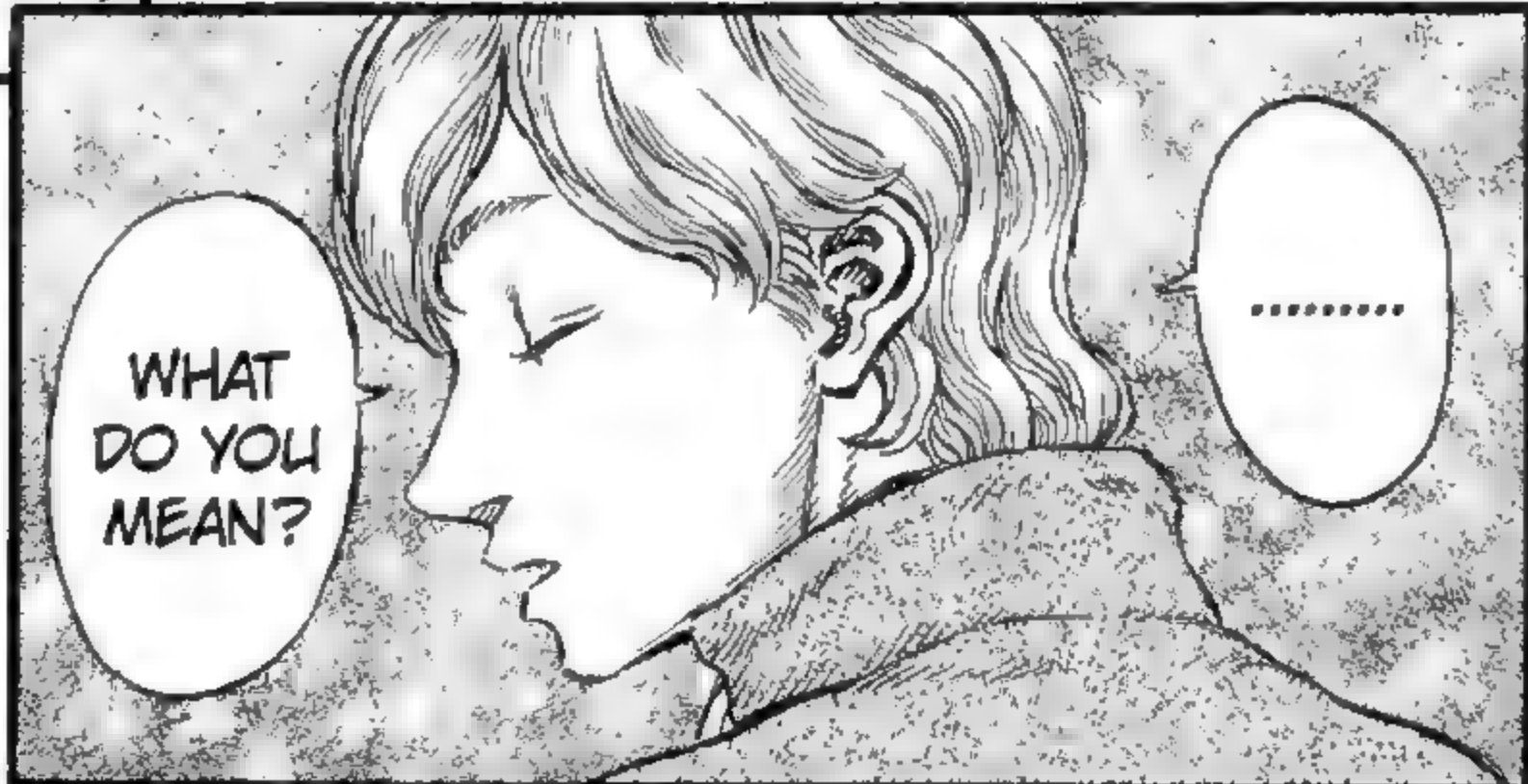
UH
OH.
THESE
ARE
RATHER
DAMP.

*FX: HYNN



YOU GOT US
ALONE SO
YOU COULD
SETTLE
THE SCORE,
RIGHT?

DON'T
PLAY
DUMB.



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

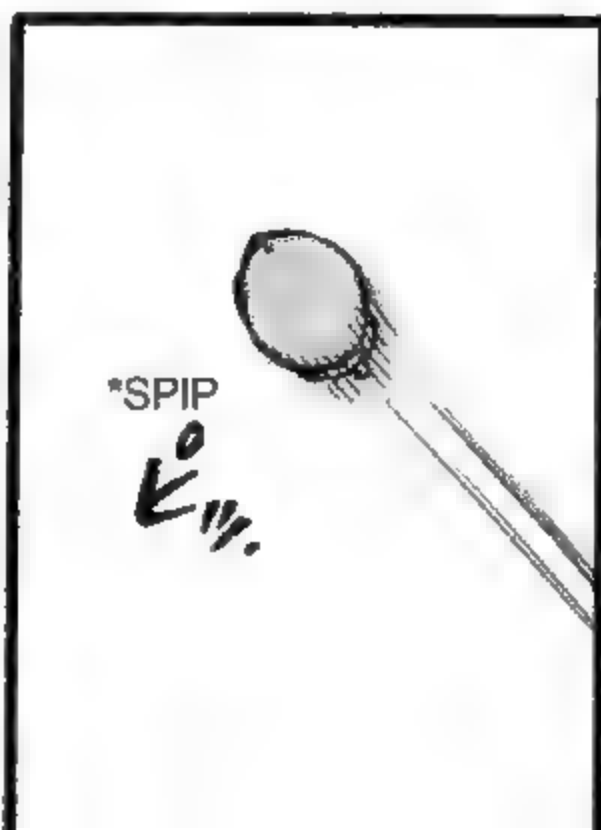


IF YOU'RE
NOT IN THE
MOOD, I'M
LEAVIN'.

SUDDENLY
YOU'RE
SENILE...



*PLAP



*SPIP



I MERELY THOUGHT
I WOULD DEEPEN MY
FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU...
THAT I WOULD BE
PERFECTLY FRANK.

MY, MY, WHAT A
HOTHEADED FELLOW.

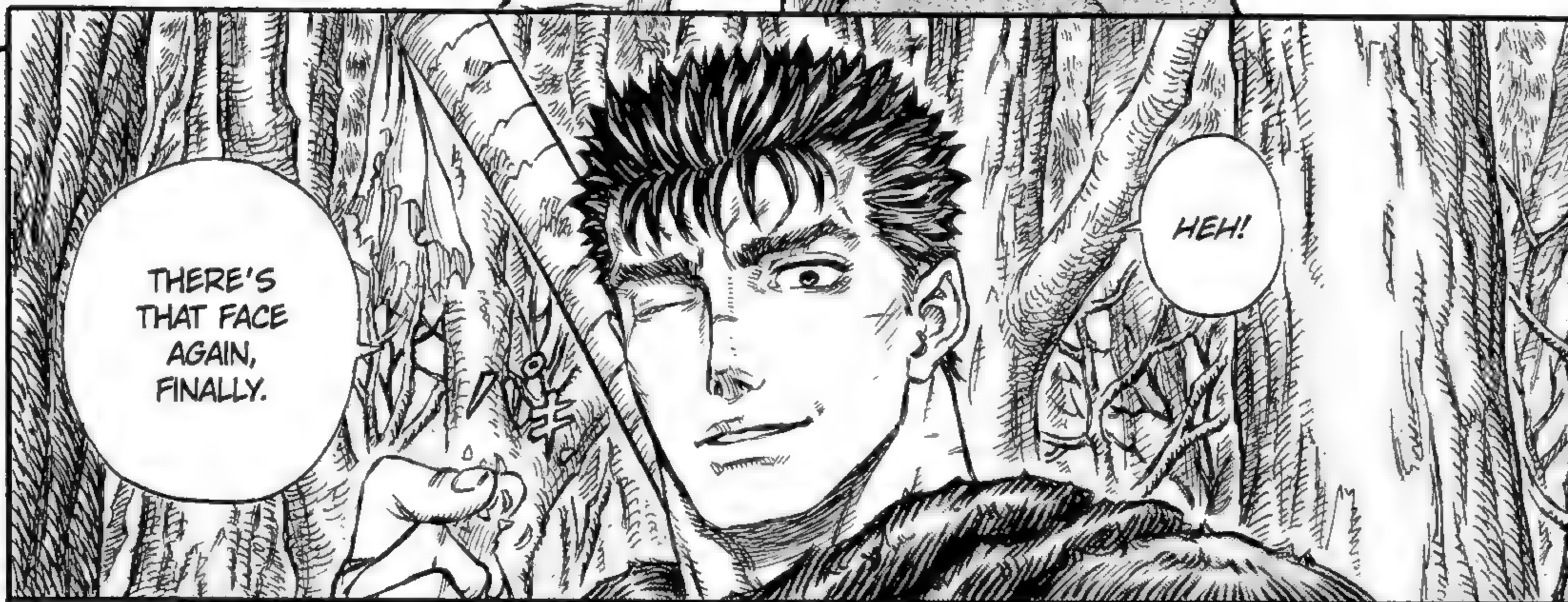
WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING
?

WHAA
?



...I AM
THINKING
HOW NICE
IT WOULD
BE IF
YOU *DIED*.

TO BE
PERFECTLY
FRANK...



THERE'S
THAT FACE
AGAIN,
FINALLY.

HEH!

*FX: POK



...THIS
IS WHAT
SHE
HERSELF
WISHES.

HOW-
EVER...

IF I COULD,
I WOULD
LIKE TO
MAKE HER
ABANDON
THIS
RECKLESS
JOURNEY
AT ONCE.

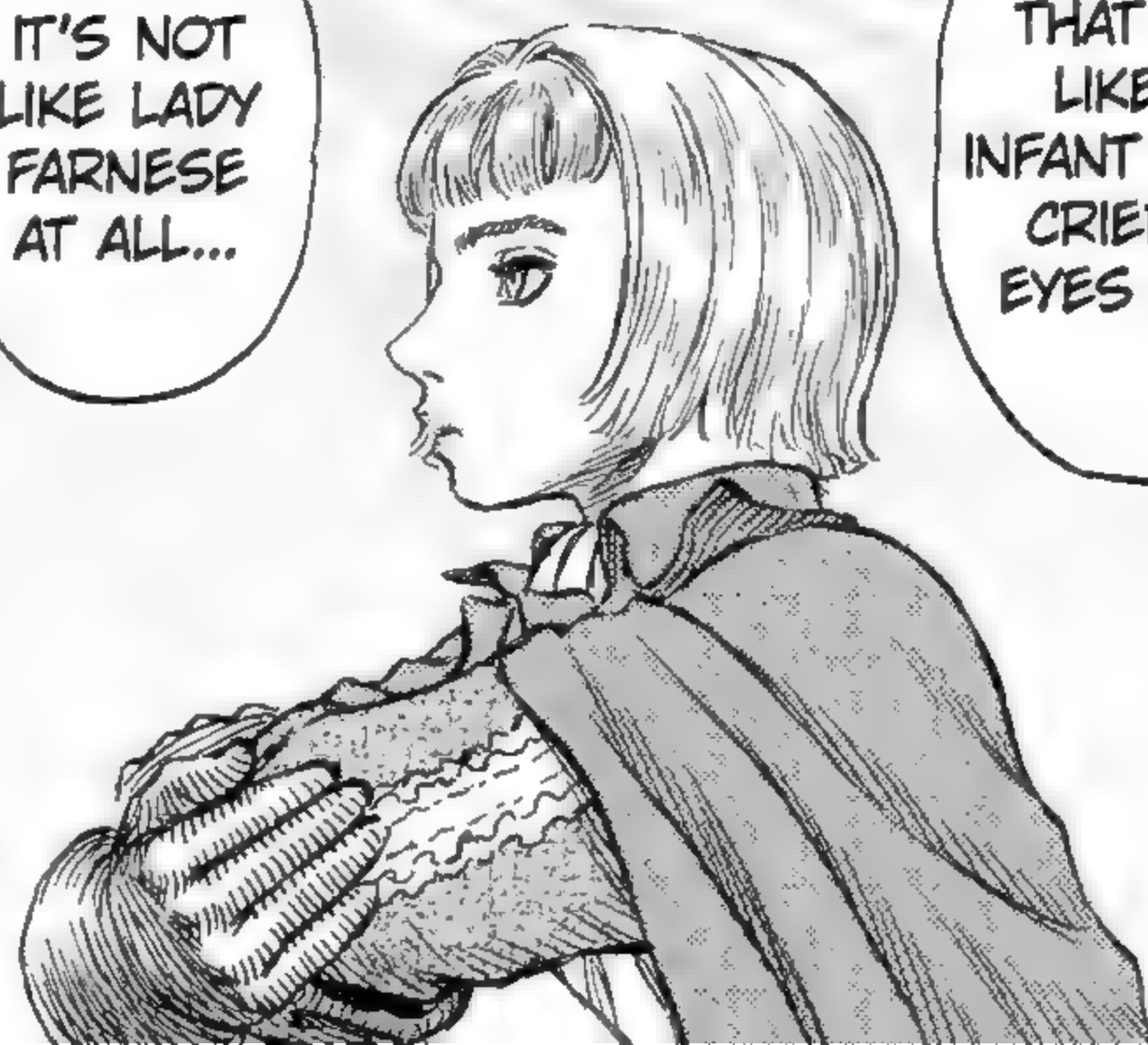


BY GOING
ALONG WITH
YOU, LADY
FARNESE IS
EXPOSED
TO DANGER.



I DO NOT
KNOW THAT
DEFENSE-
LESS SIDE
OF HER.

IT'S NOT
LIKE LADY
FARNESE
AT ALL...



THAT FACE,
LIKE AN
INFANT THAT'S
CRIED ITS
EYES OUT...



YOU
CHANGED
HER.



I'LL
KEEP IT IN
MIND.



...IF THIS
JOURNEY LEADS
TO SOMETHING
SUCH AS HER
DEMISE...

HOWEVER...



.....

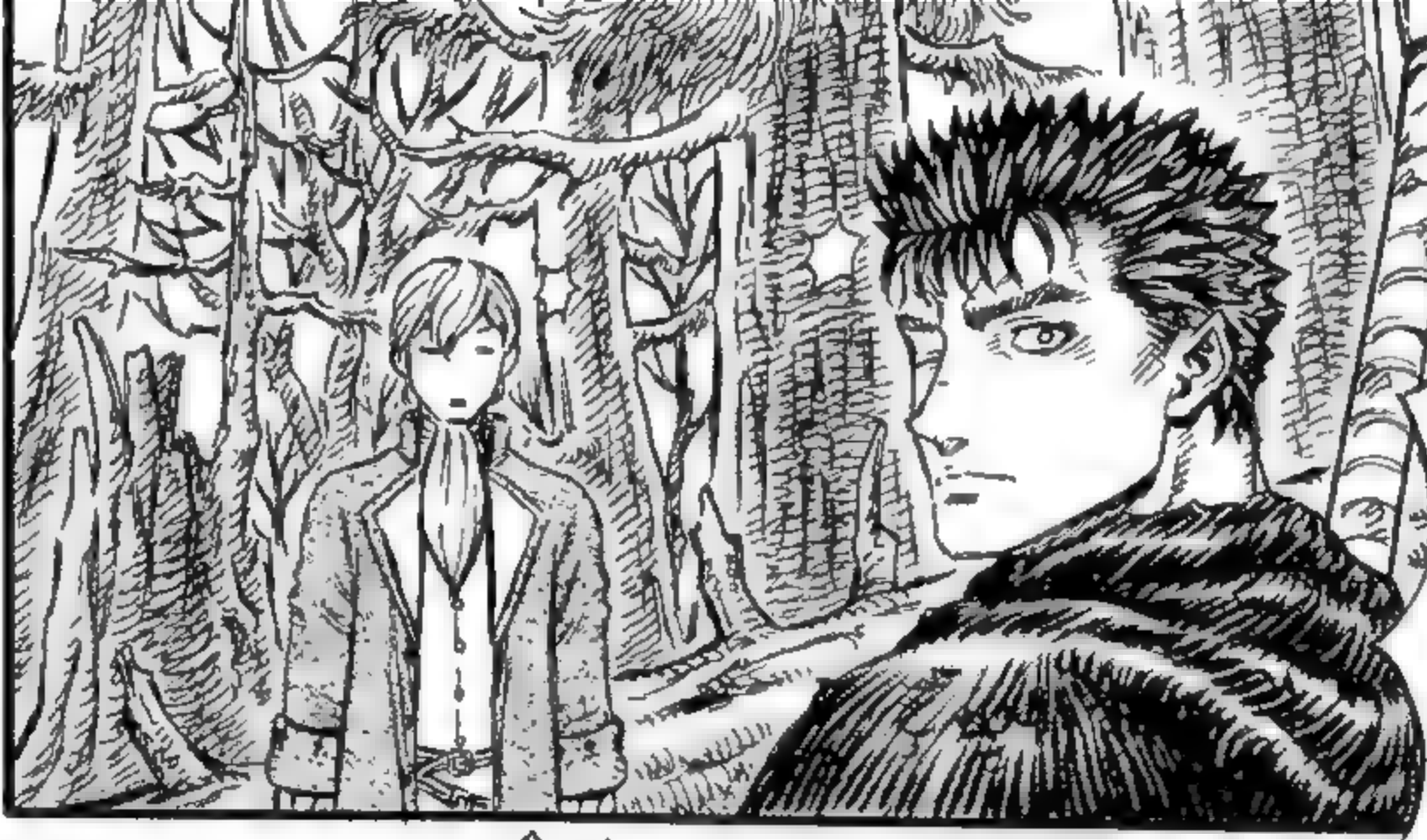


SO LONG AS
LADY FARNESE
CONTINUES THIS
JOURNEY, AS
HER ATTENDANT
I WILL DO
MY BEST TO
GET ALONG
WITH YOU.

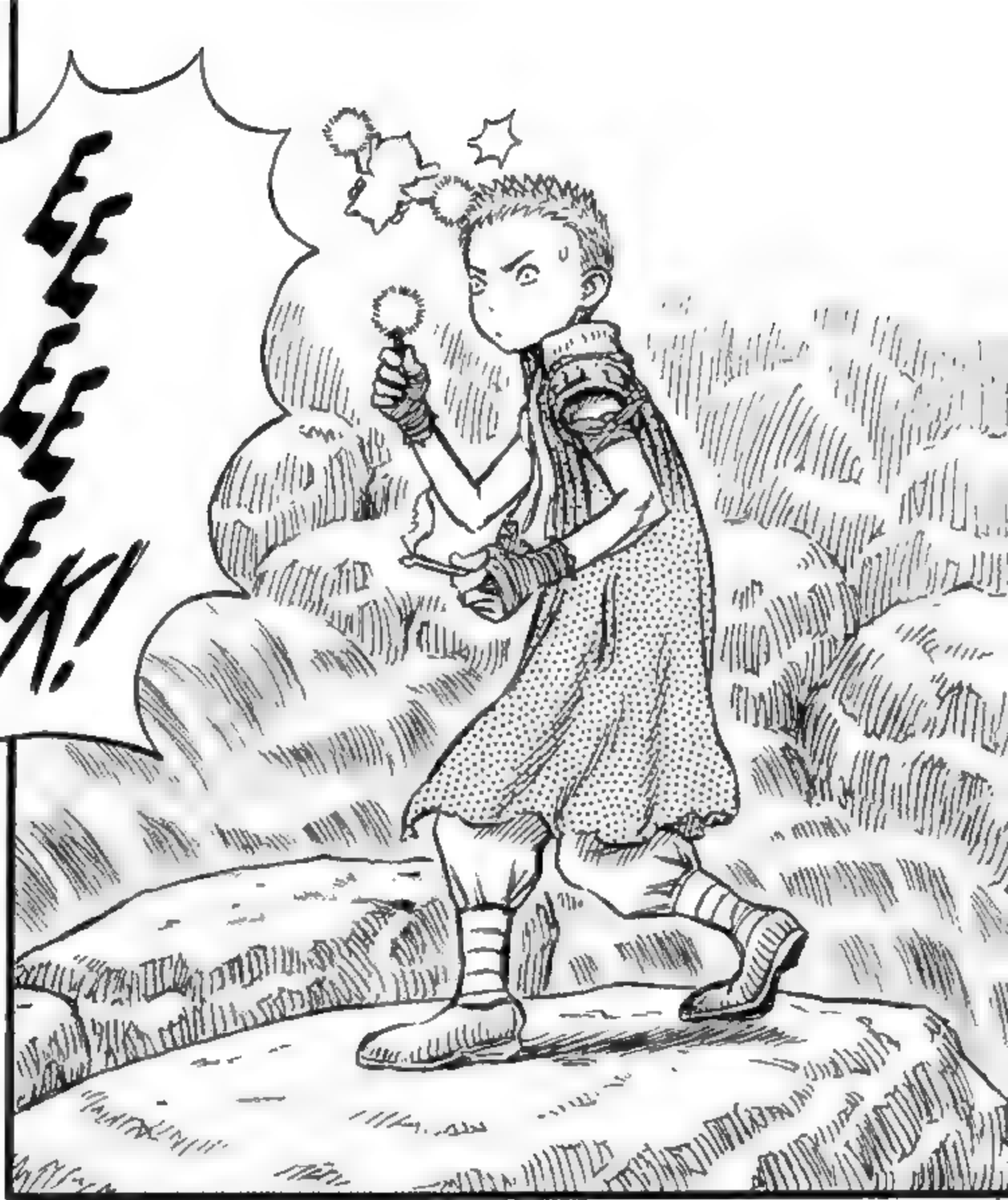
BUT, ALAS,
I SET
ASIDE MY
PERSONAL
FEELINGS.

ODD-
BALL.

...THAT IS WHEN,
AS YOU WISH,
I SHALL OPPOSE
YOU AS AN
INDIVIDUAL.
I DO HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND.



EE
EE
EK!



WHAT
HAP-
PENED
?!

WHAT
THE---
?!

*FX: TAP TMP



A BRI-
GAND
?!

BASTARD!

Nooooo!!

Auu!!



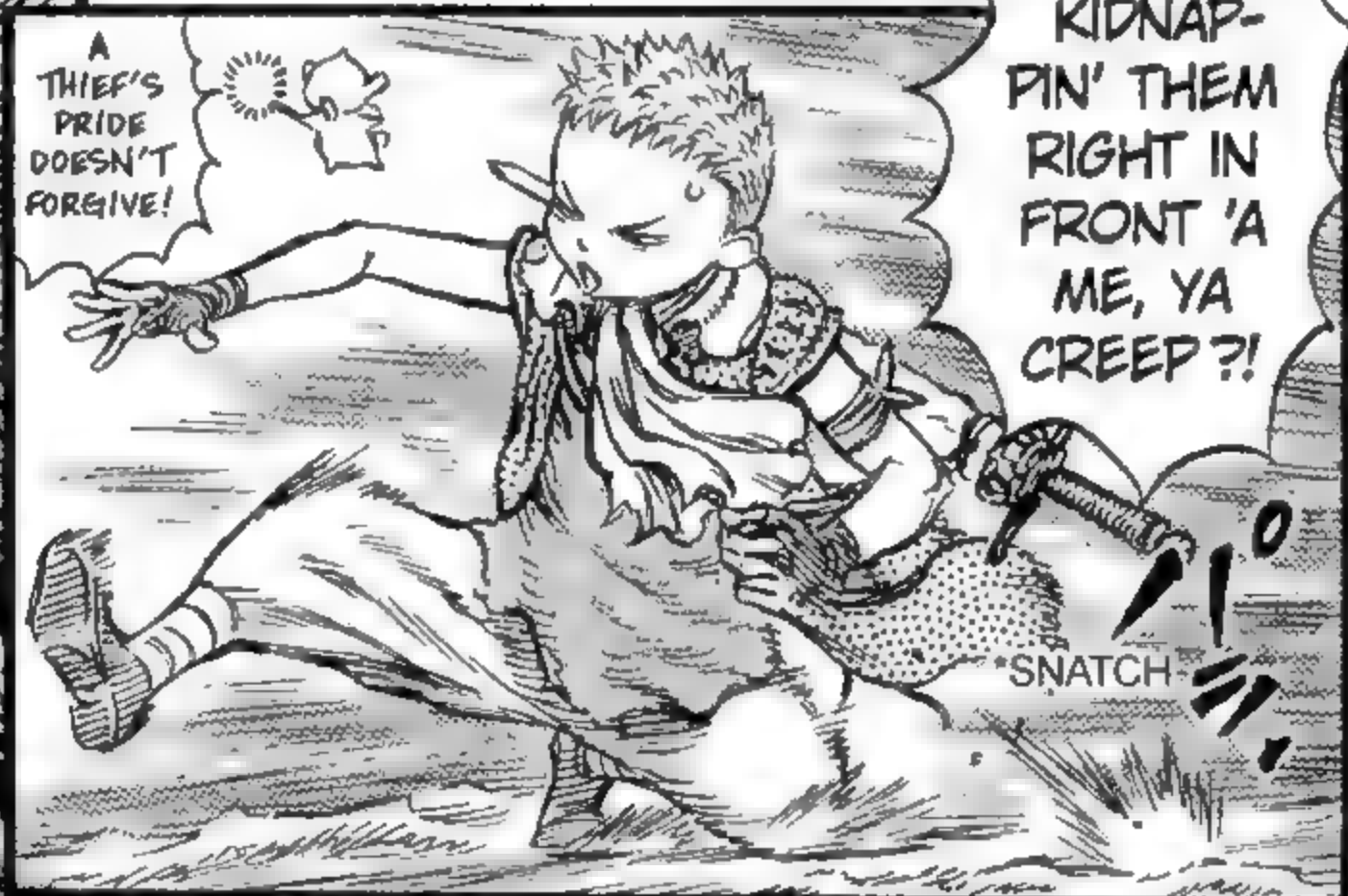
JUST
YOU
WAIT!!

HEY,
YOU!!



*WHOCK

A
THIEF'S
PRIDE
DOESN'T
FORGIVE!



KIDNAP-
PIN' THEM
RIGHT IN
FRONT 'A
ME, YA
CREEP?!

*SNATCH

*FX: VSSH



URAH!



*GROH!

YOU ALL
RIGHT
?!

YEAH!



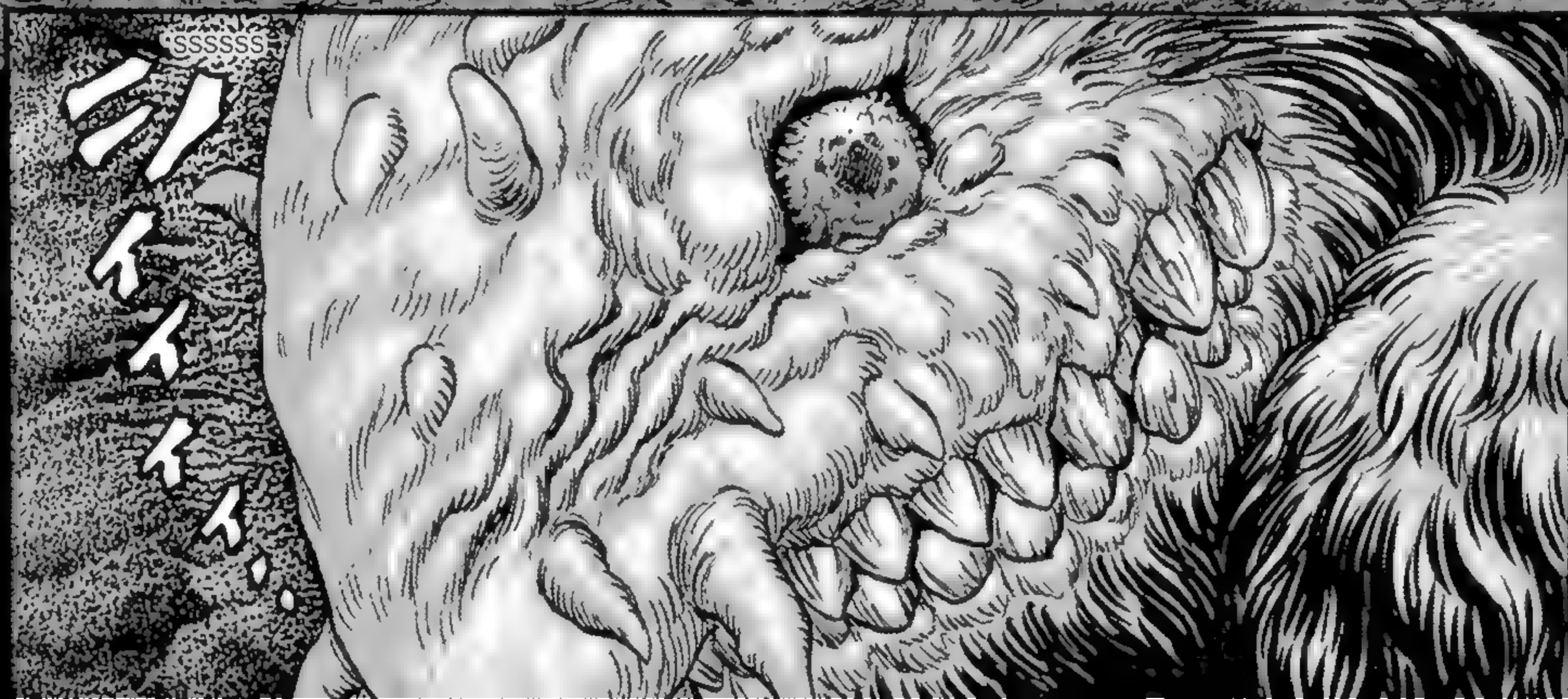
WHAT
?

...NOT
HUMAN!

THAT'S
...

THIS
FEELING
?!







WHAT IS THAT THING...?!

WHOAH!

IGHH



...A T-TROLL ?!



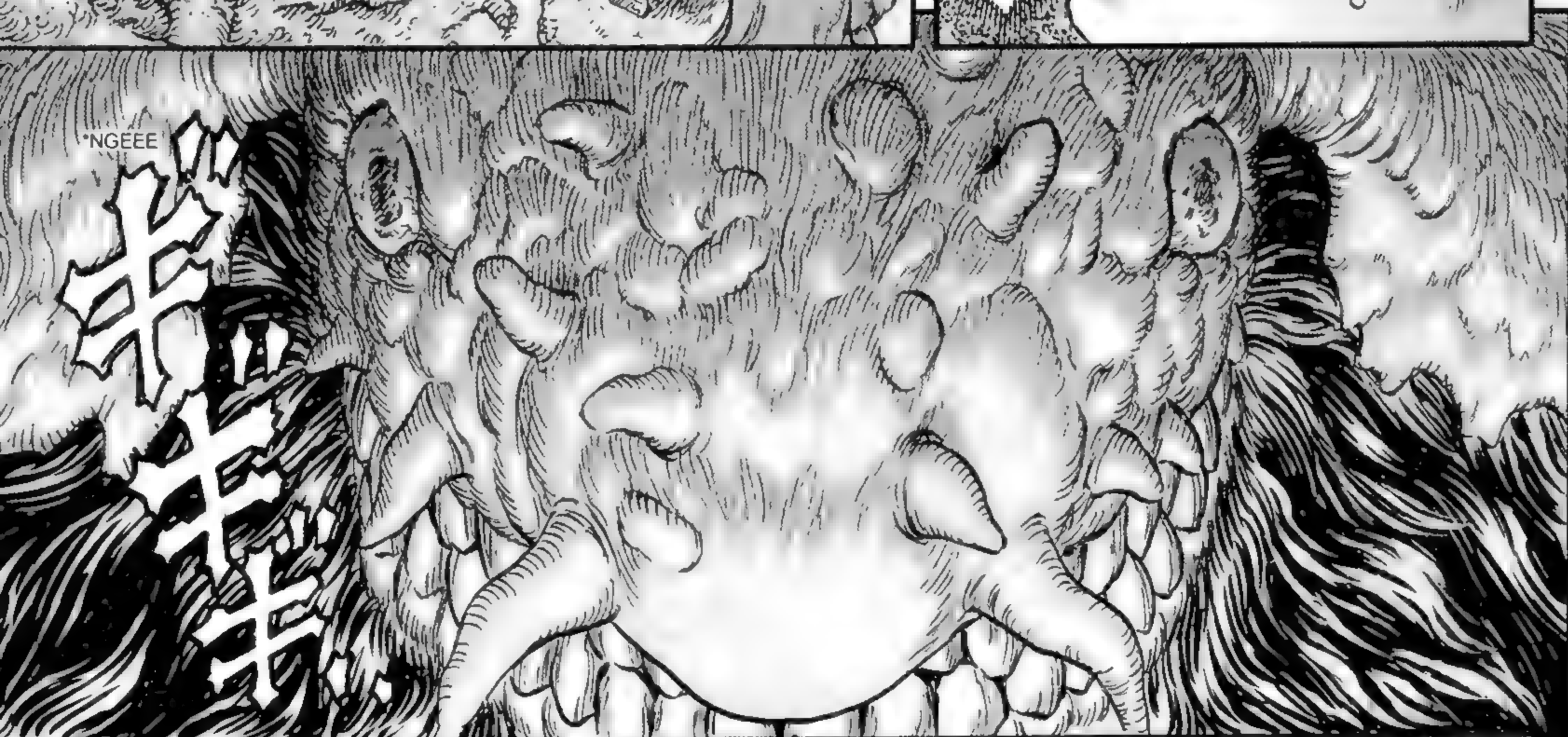
IT'S TROLLS.

BUT IT AN'T HUMANS UP THERE.



...THAT'S ...

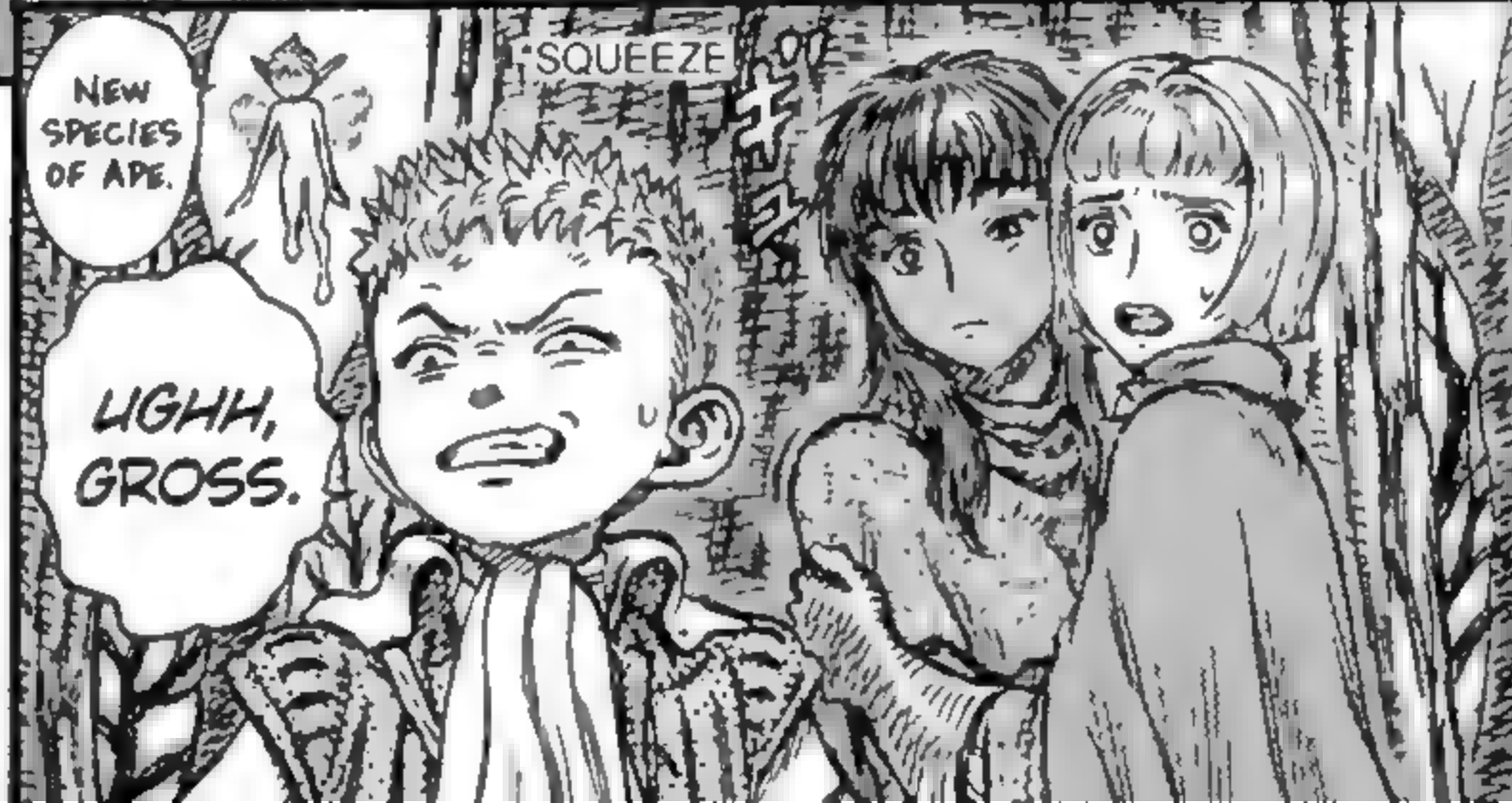
YOU MEAN...



*NGEEE



DO *JAK



NEW SPECIES OF APE.

SQUEEZE

LIGHH, GROSS.



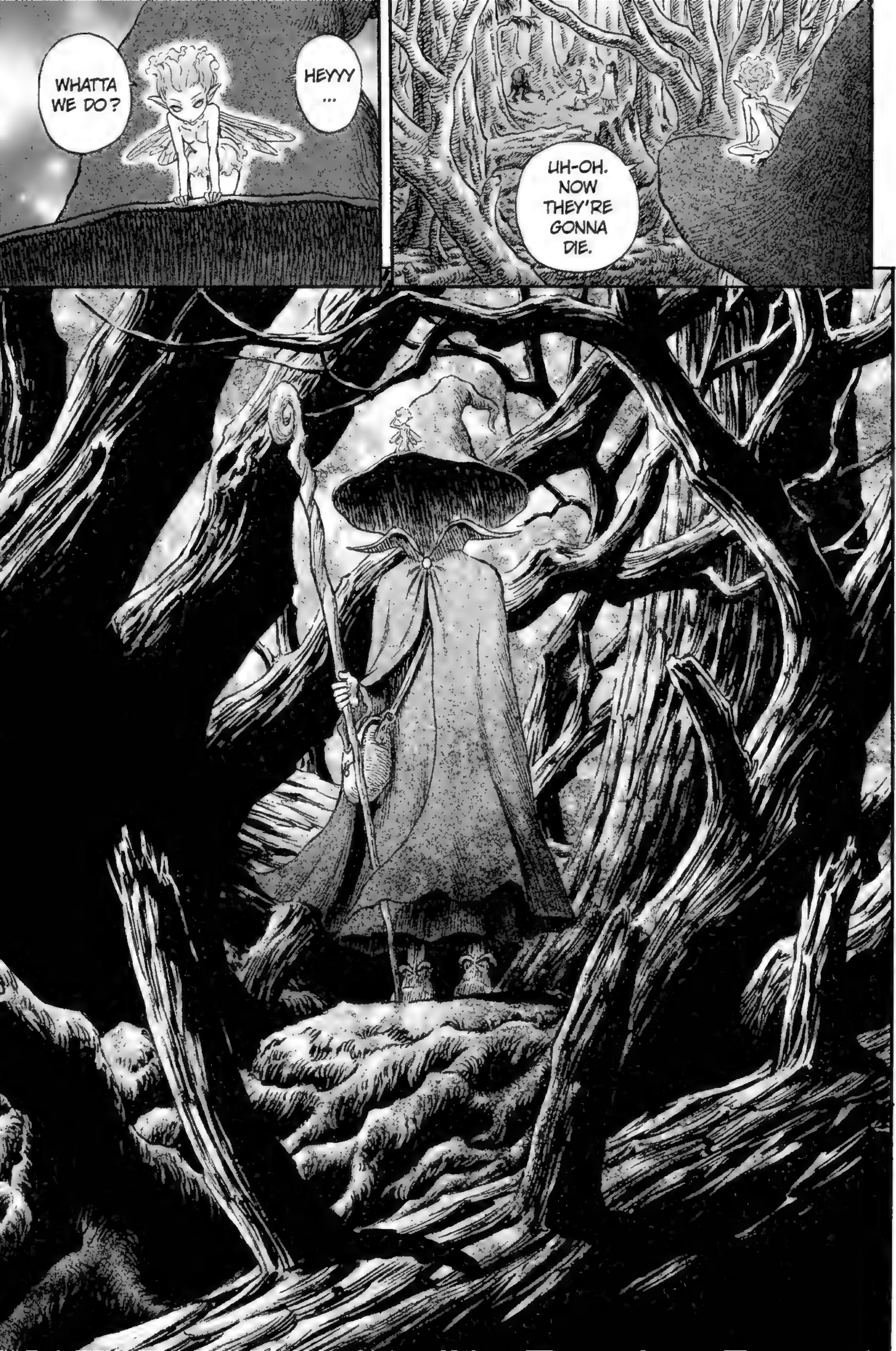
*FX: SNATCH



WHATTA
WE DO?

HEYYY
...

UH-OH.
NOW
THEY'RE
GONNA
DIE.



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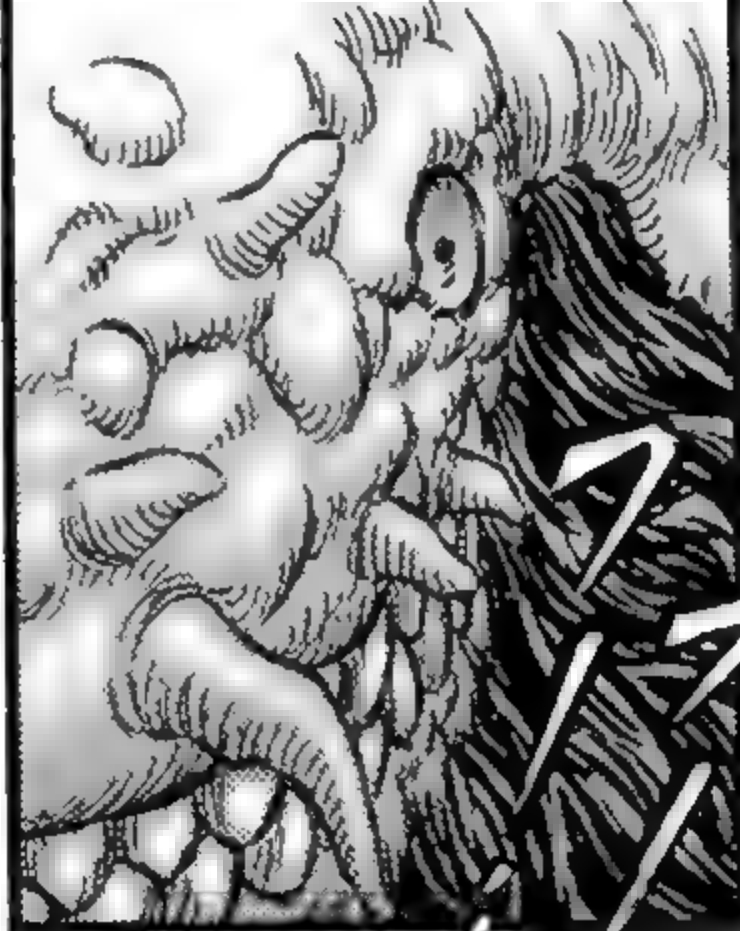
魔 女

BERSERK

LET'S
DO
THIS!!

AH...

YA
UGLY
MON-
KEY!



*FX: HFFF HFFF



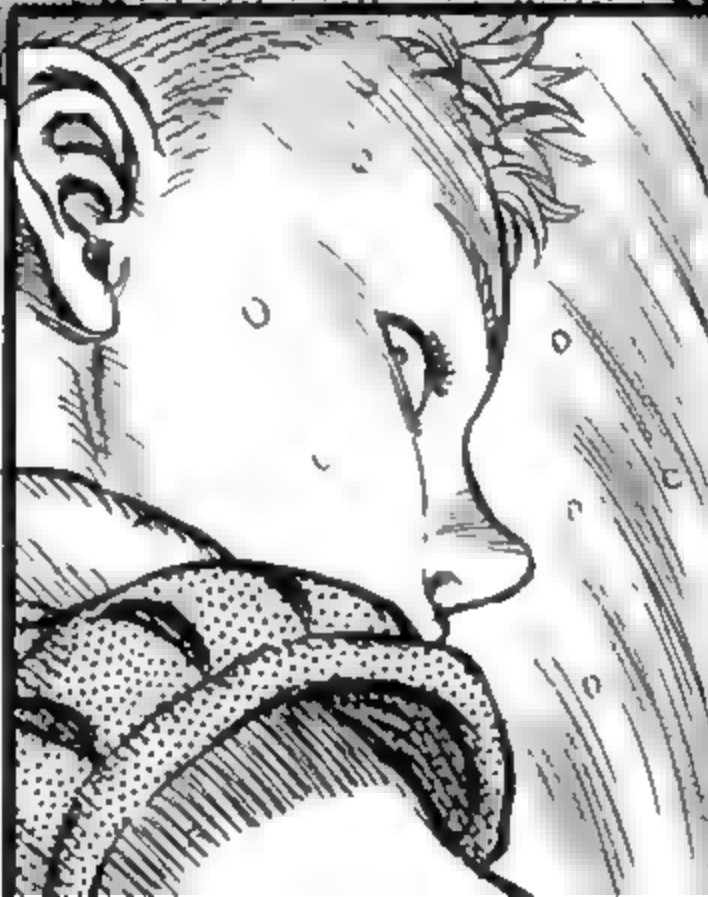
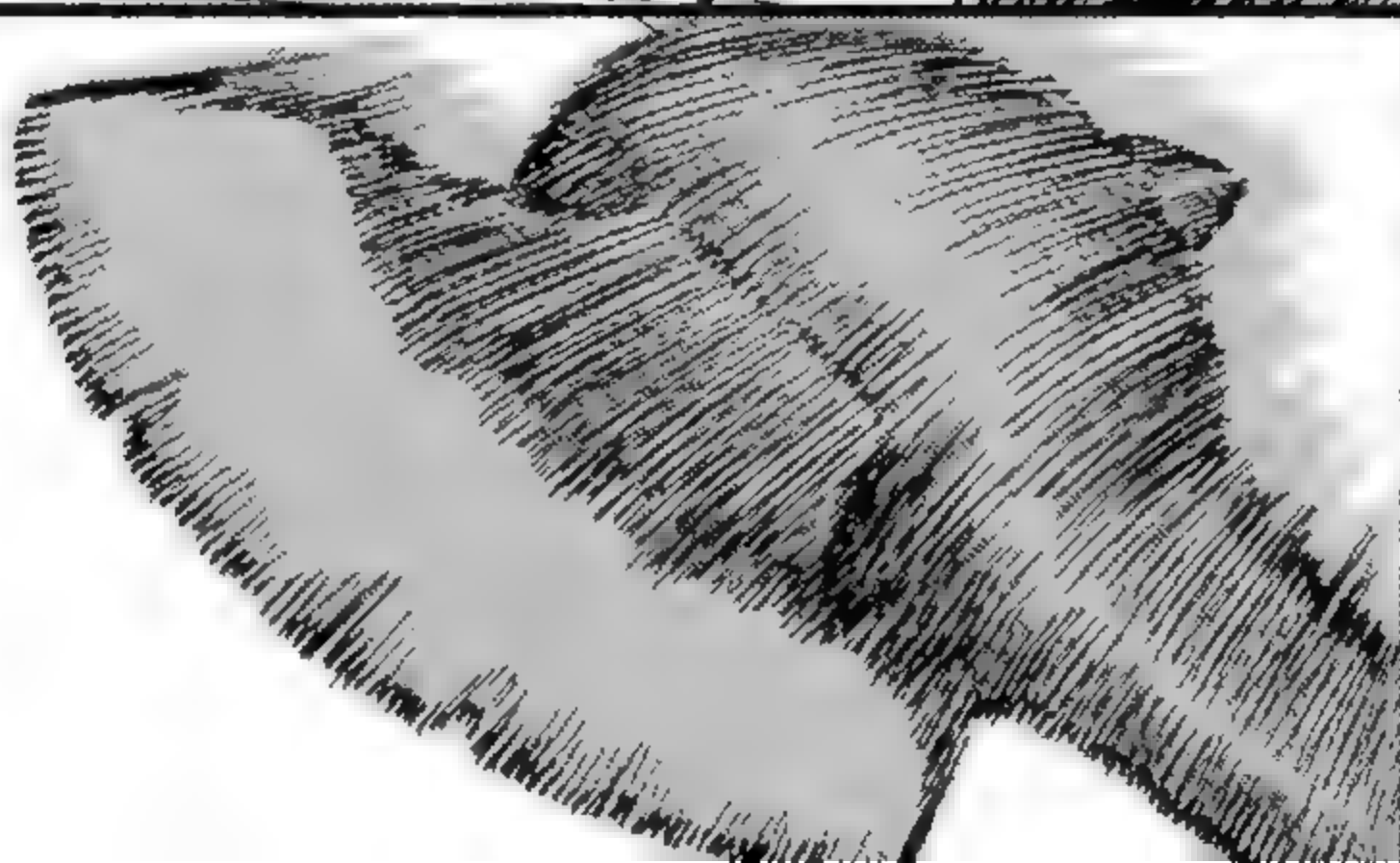
*GRIP
#2.

I'M
NOT...

*BA

...
AFRAAID.

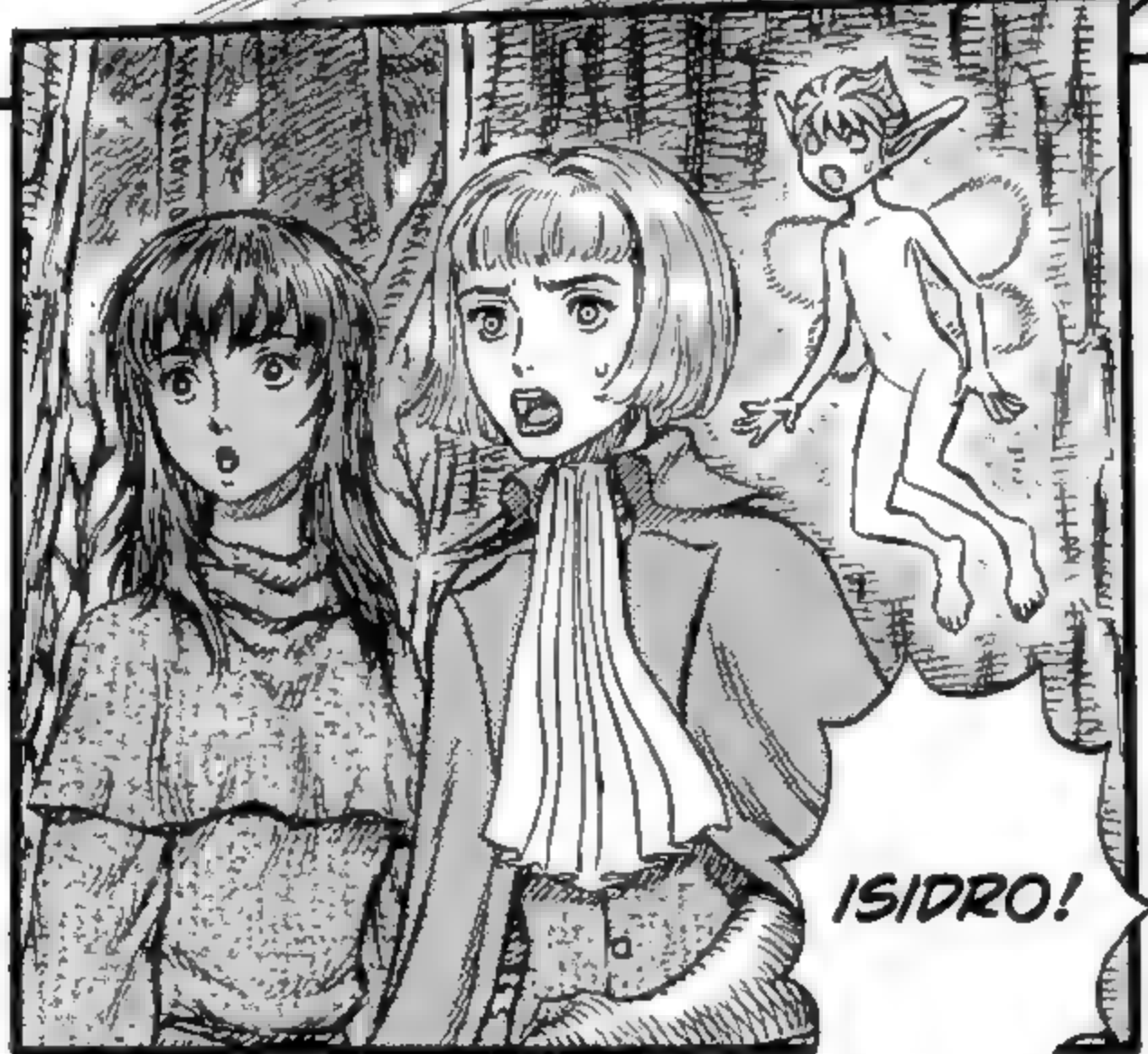
*GAJINNG



UOH!

OH!

OH!

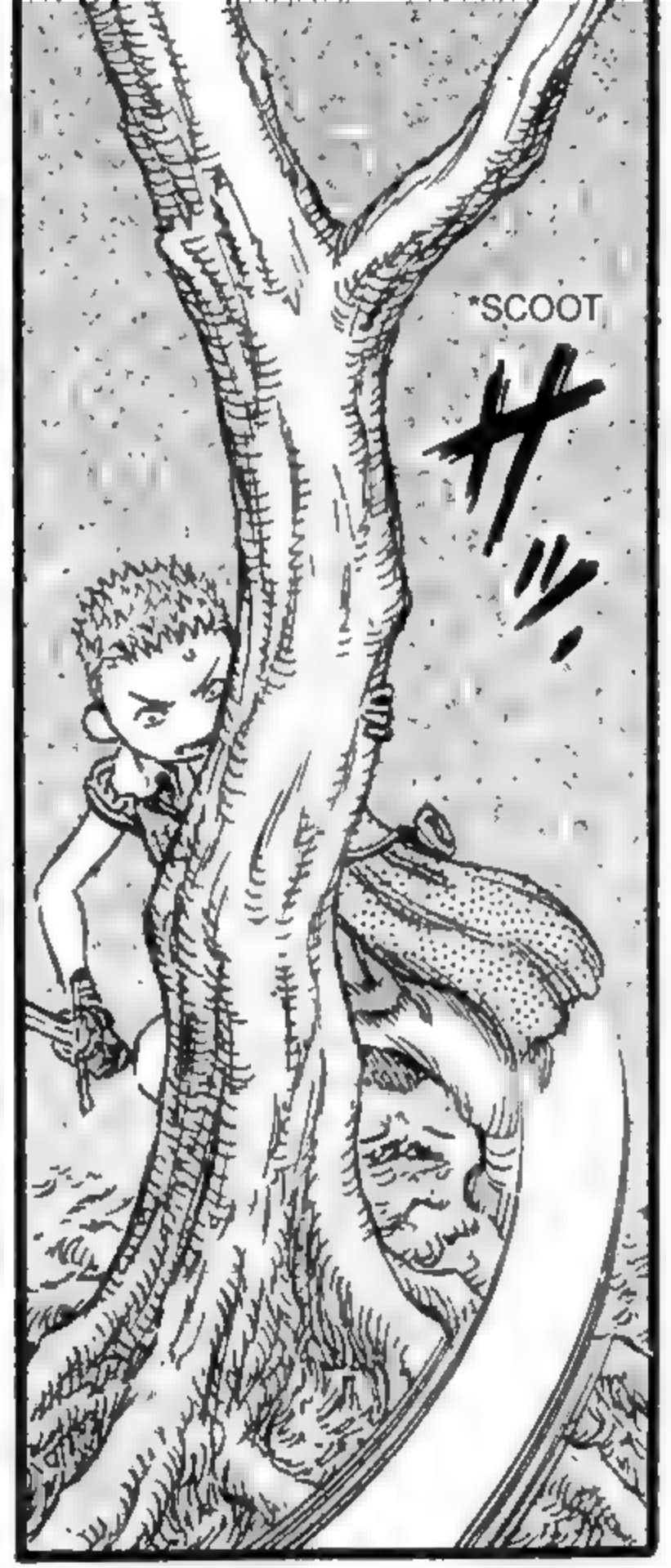


IT AIN'T
NEARLY
AS SLOW
AS IT
LOOKS!!

WHAT
THE
HELL?!



*WRAK



*SCOOT



I'M
DEA--

I...



*FX: THNK

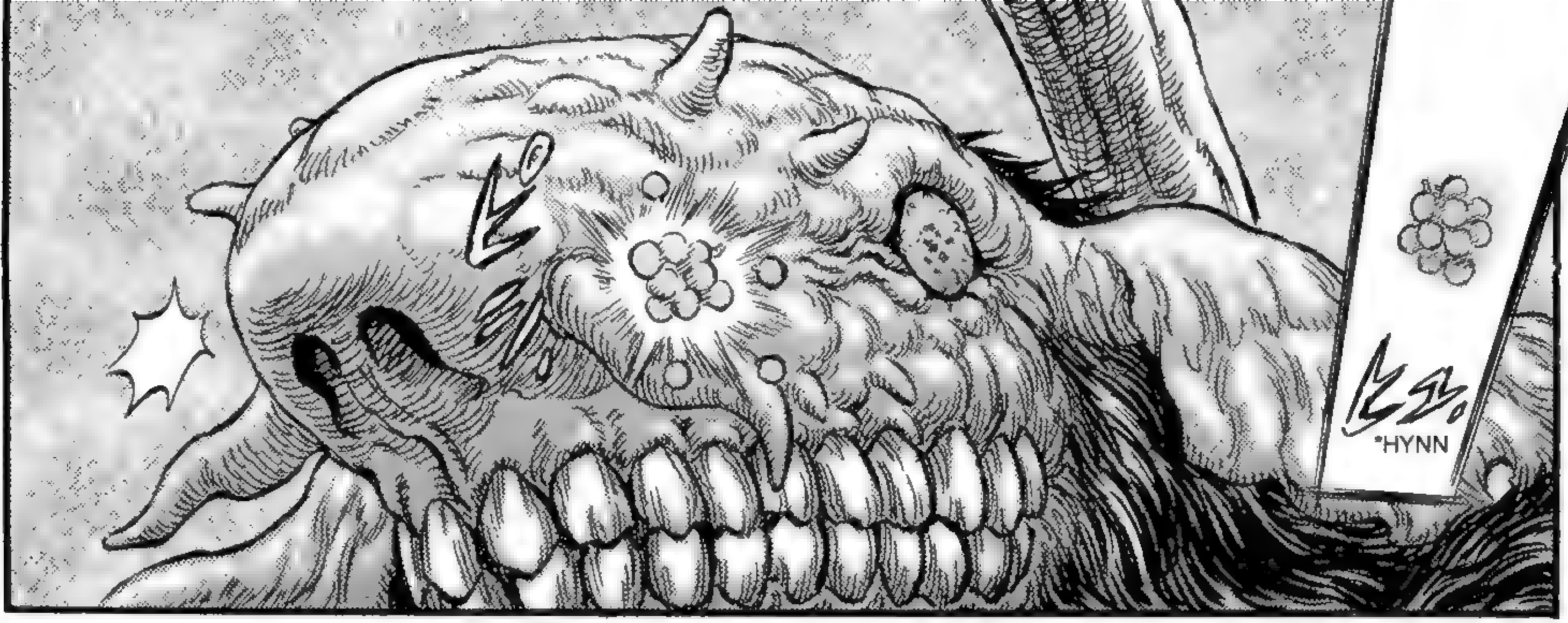


*FX: WHAP

BEHH!



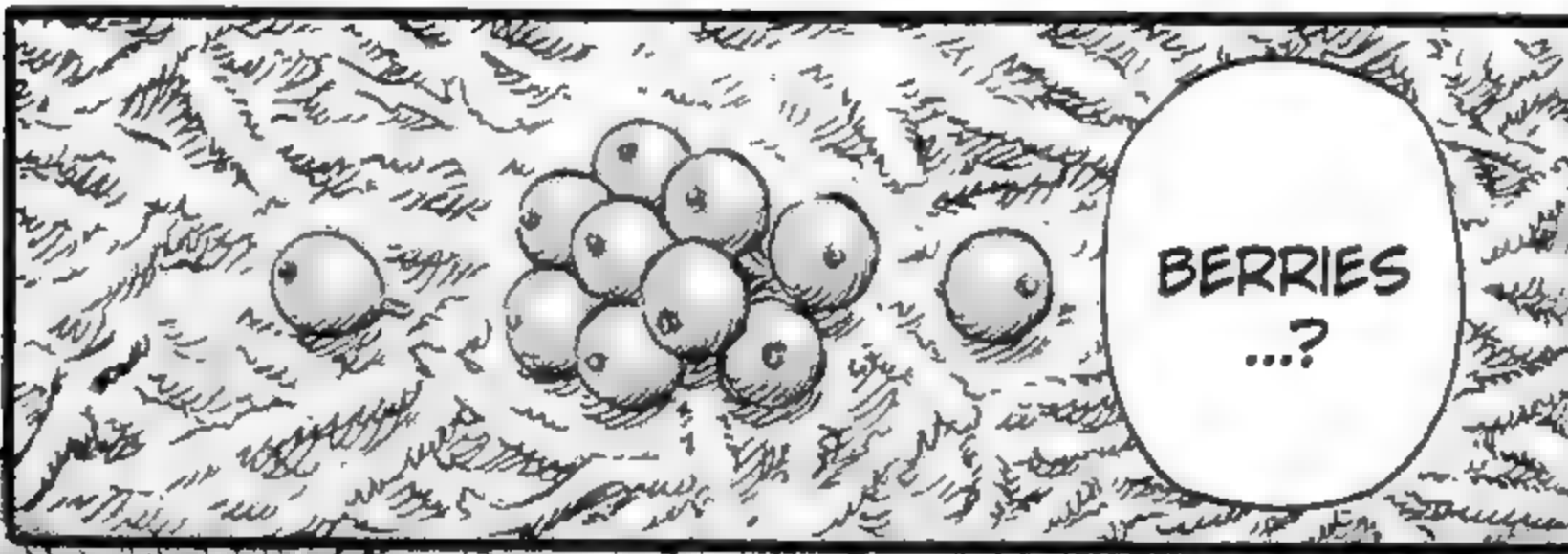
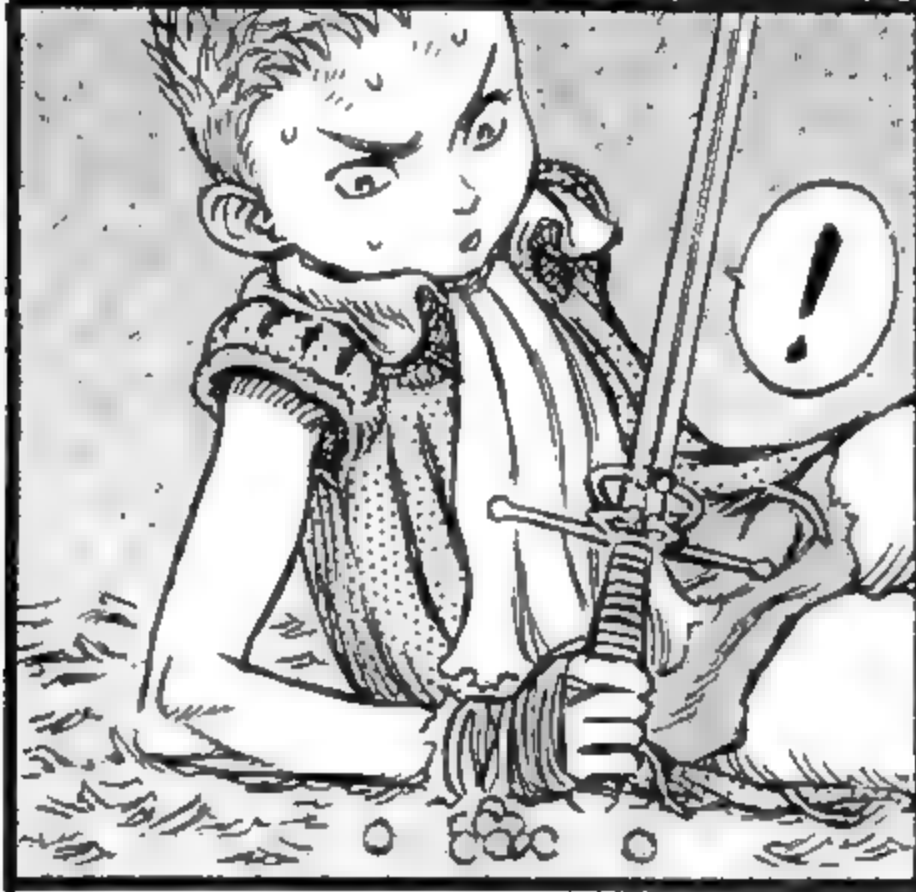
WAH,
STUPID
....!!

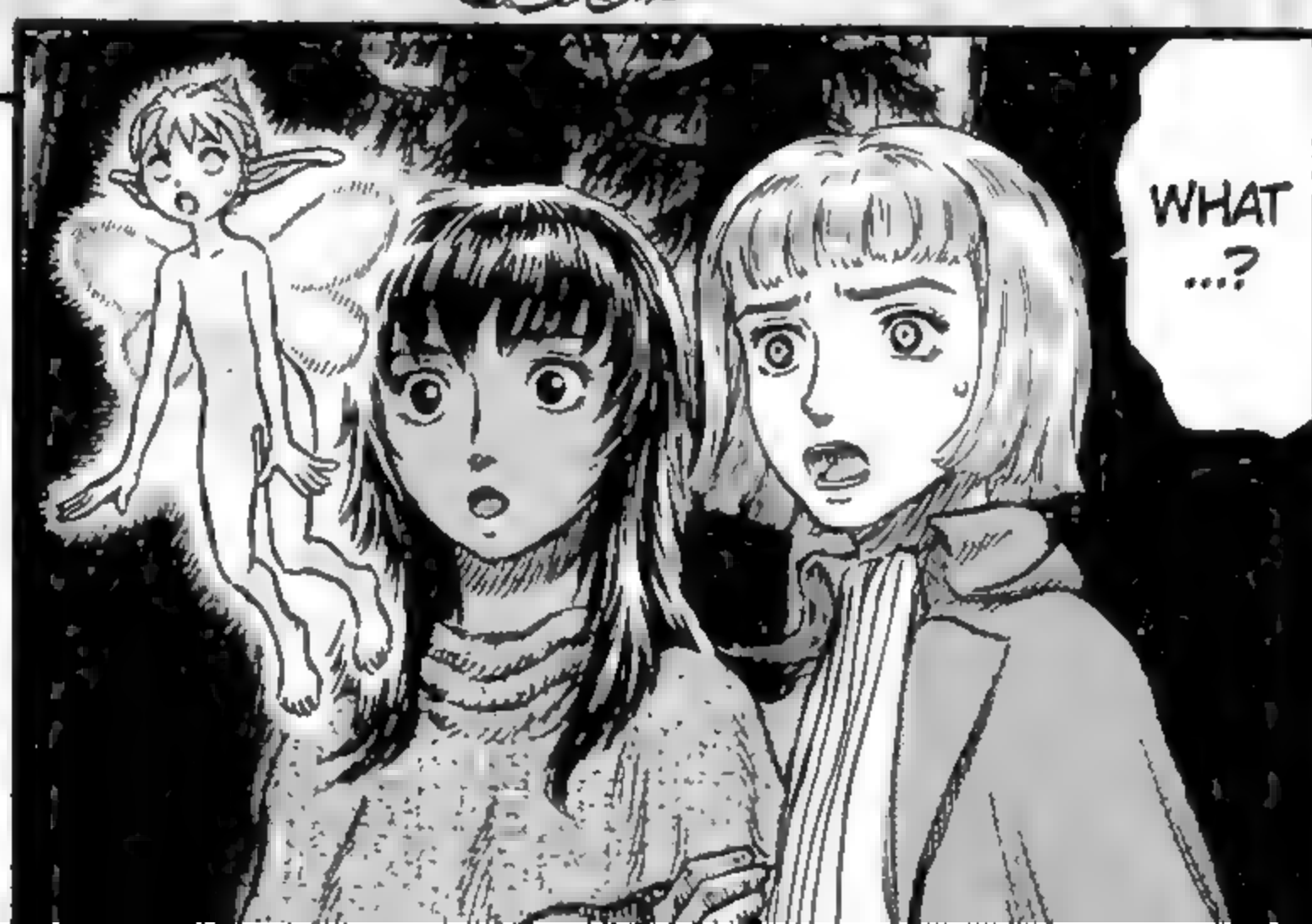


*FX: PSH

*FX: SPRING

*FX: GYAW!







TAKE A
LOOK
AROUND.



AGH
...

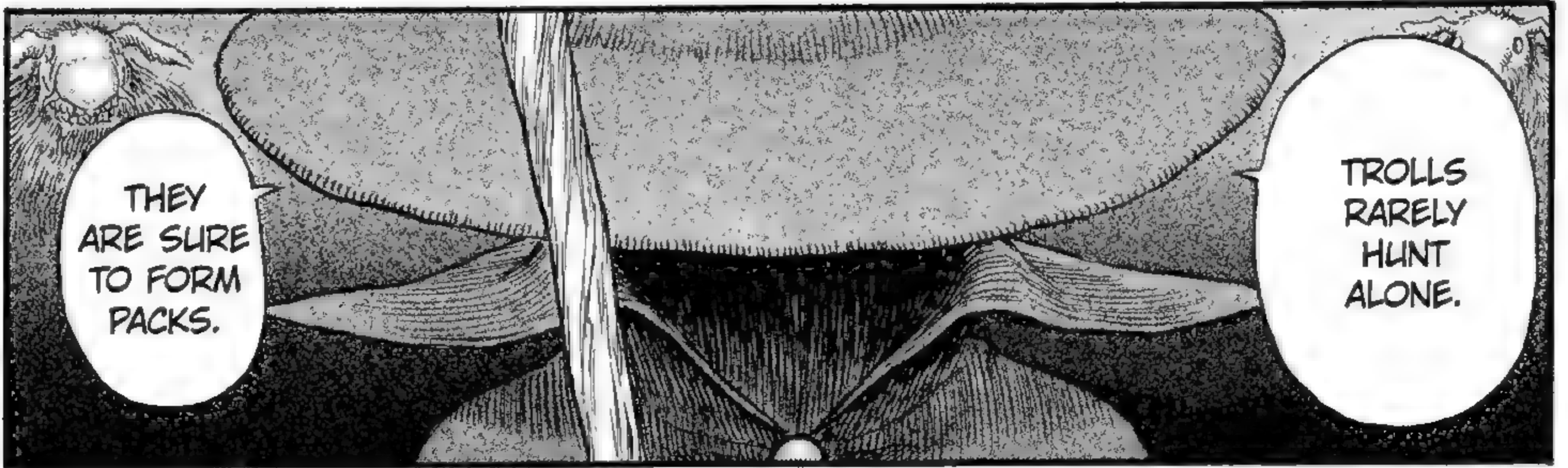
LIGH
...



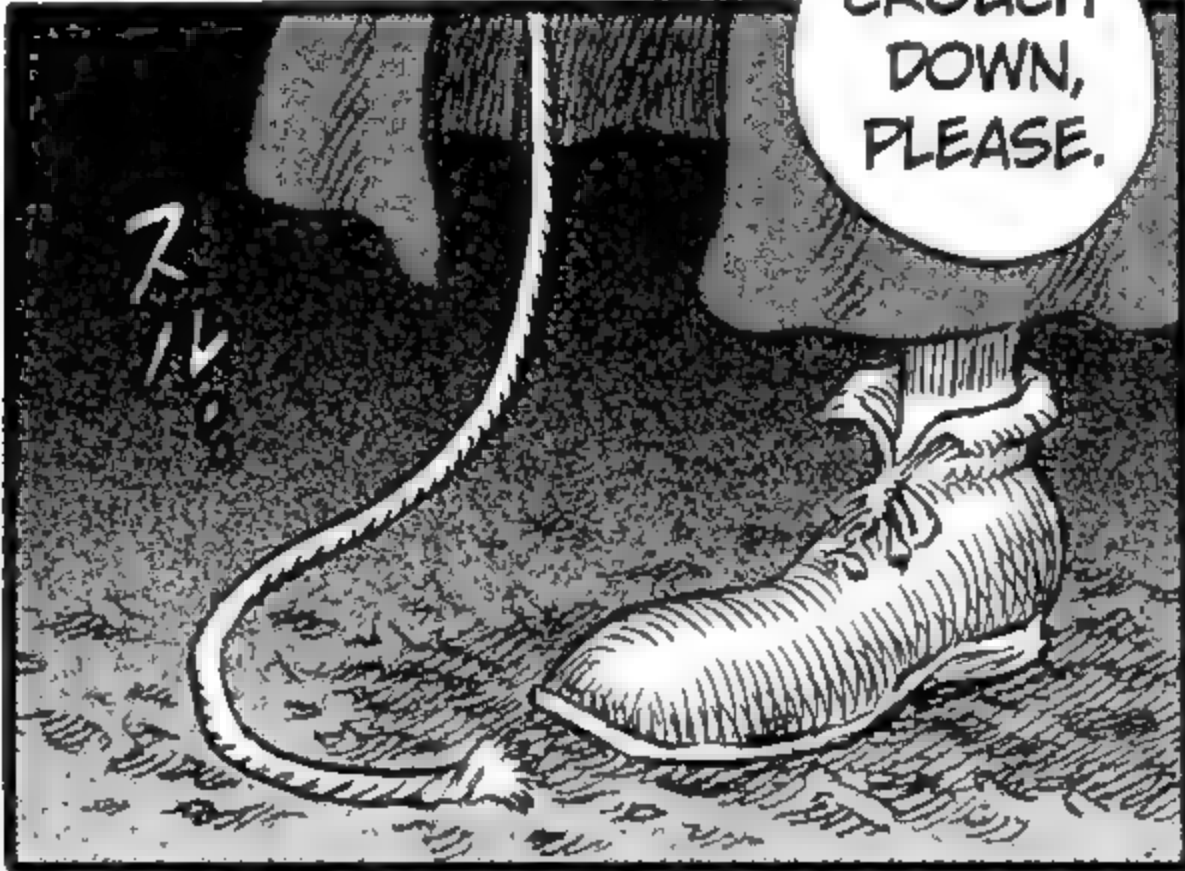
BE
QUIET.

THERE IS
DANGER.

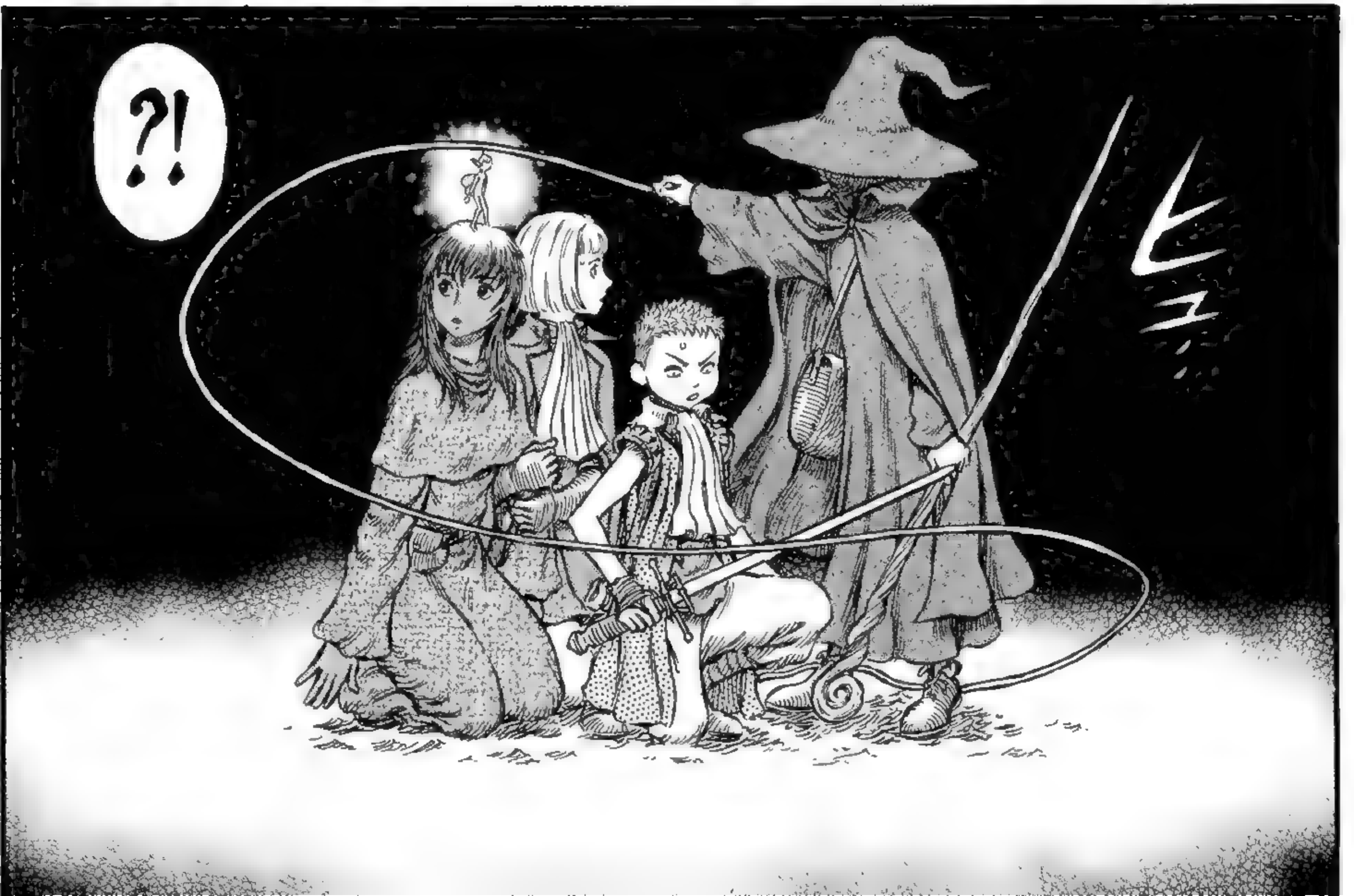




*FX: SSSF



*FX: HYNN



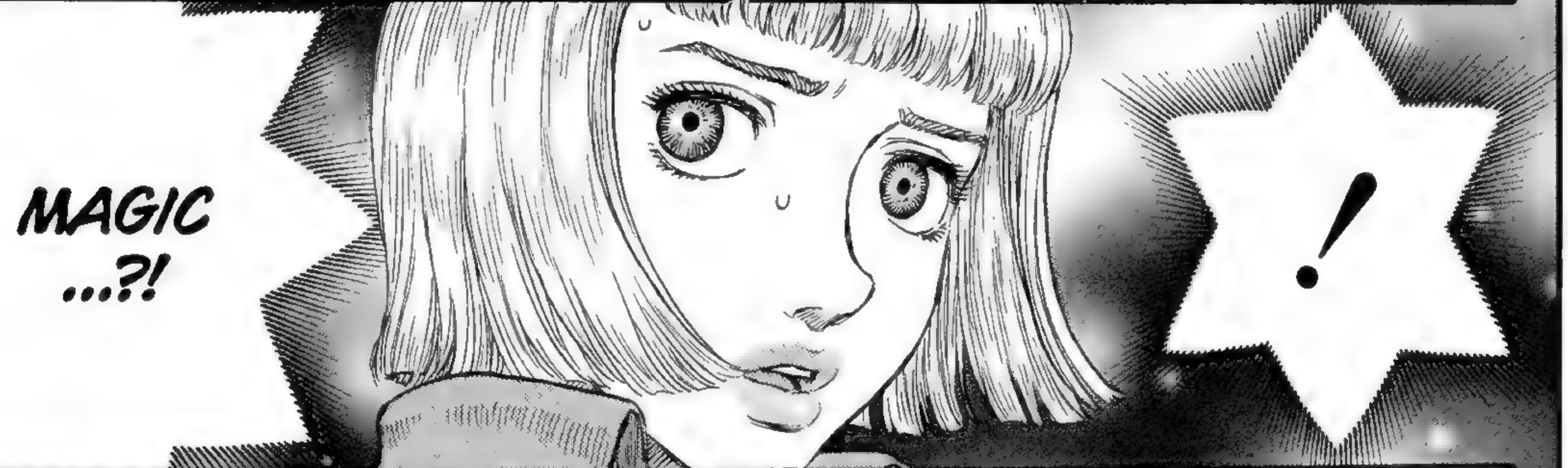
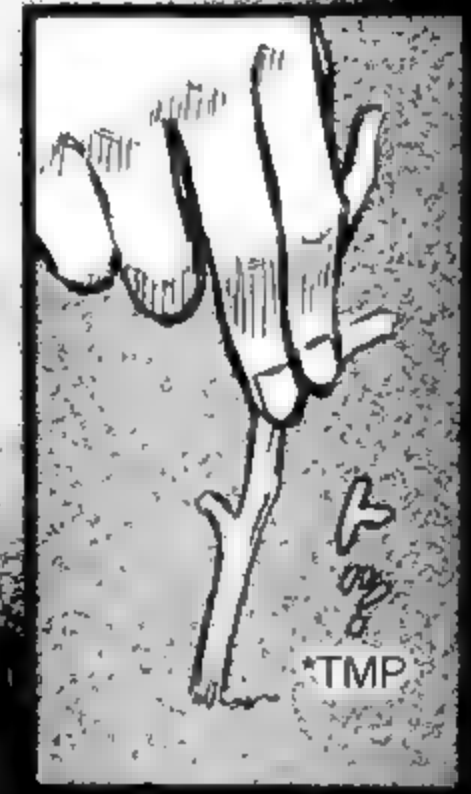


WHATEVER
HAPPENS
...

LISTEN
CLOSELY.



...YOU MUST
NOT EXIT
OR DISTURB
THIS CIRCLE.





AN
ELF!!

ONE
A' ME!
WOWEE!

HMHM
...

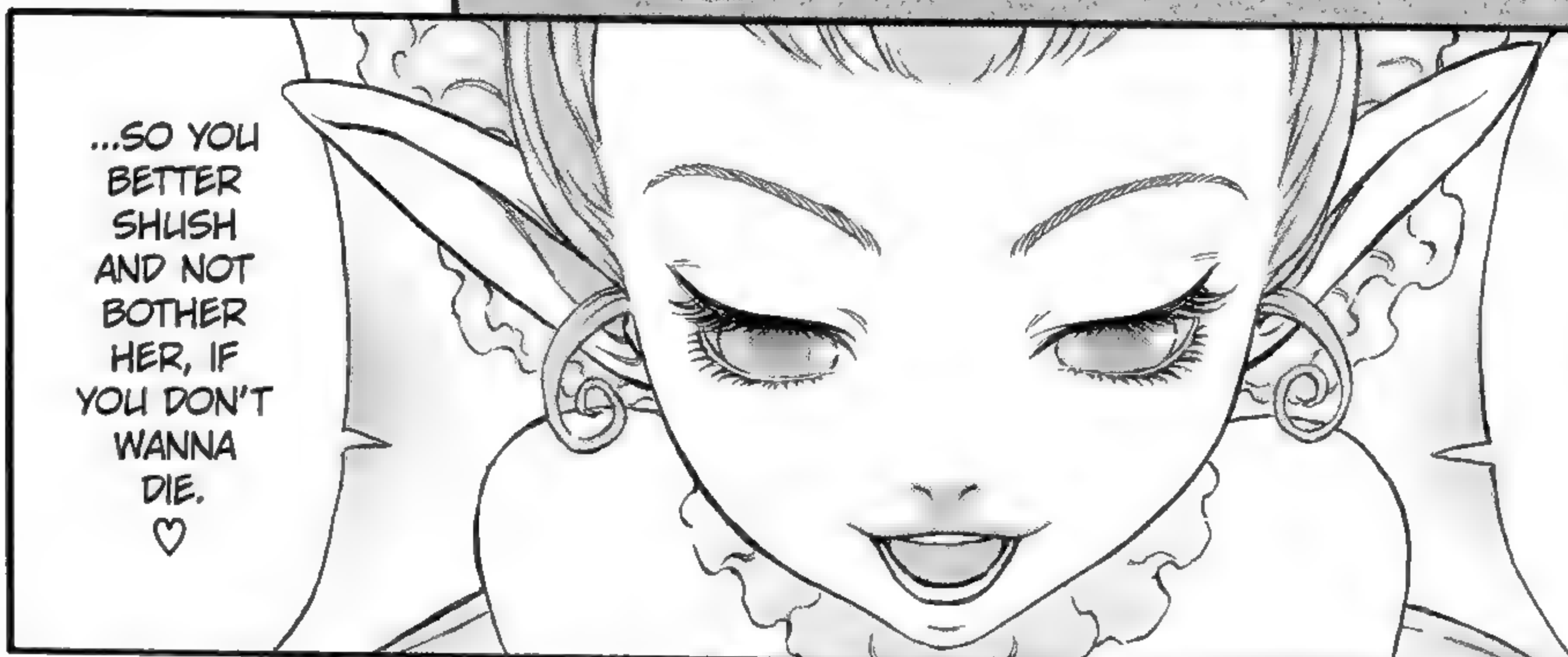


THAT'S
WHAT IT
MEANS.

THAAAT'S
RIGHT!

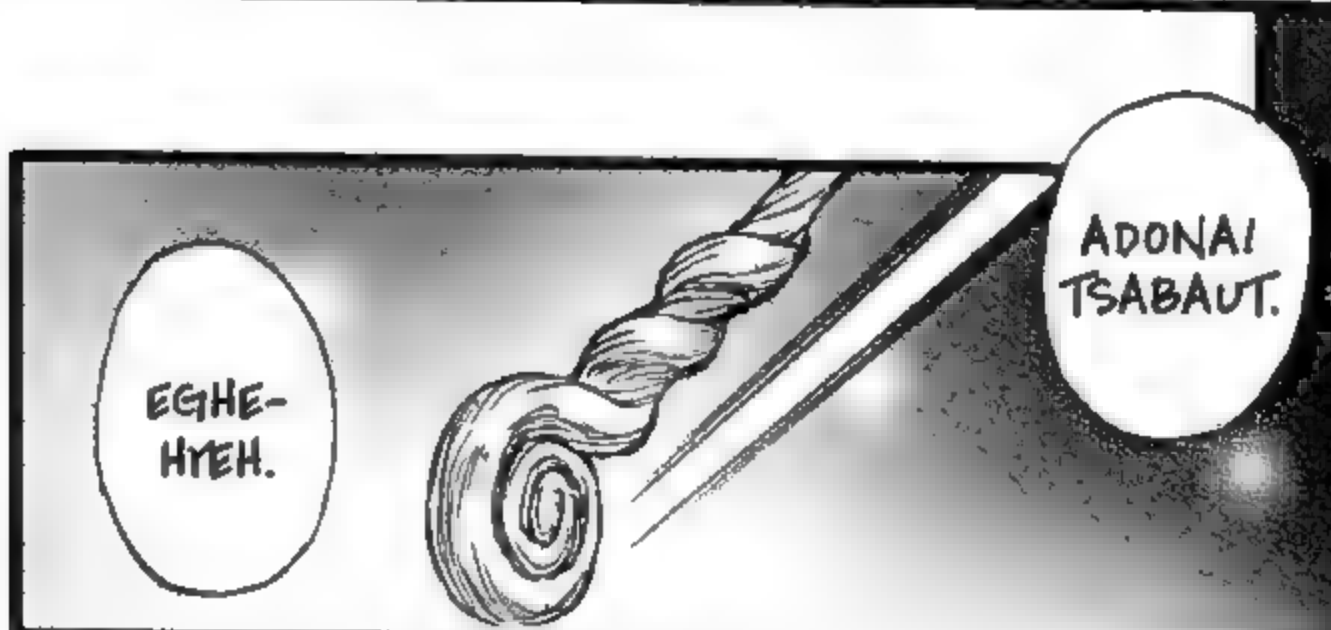
SHE'S A
WITCH!

ヒョイ。
*ZHMP



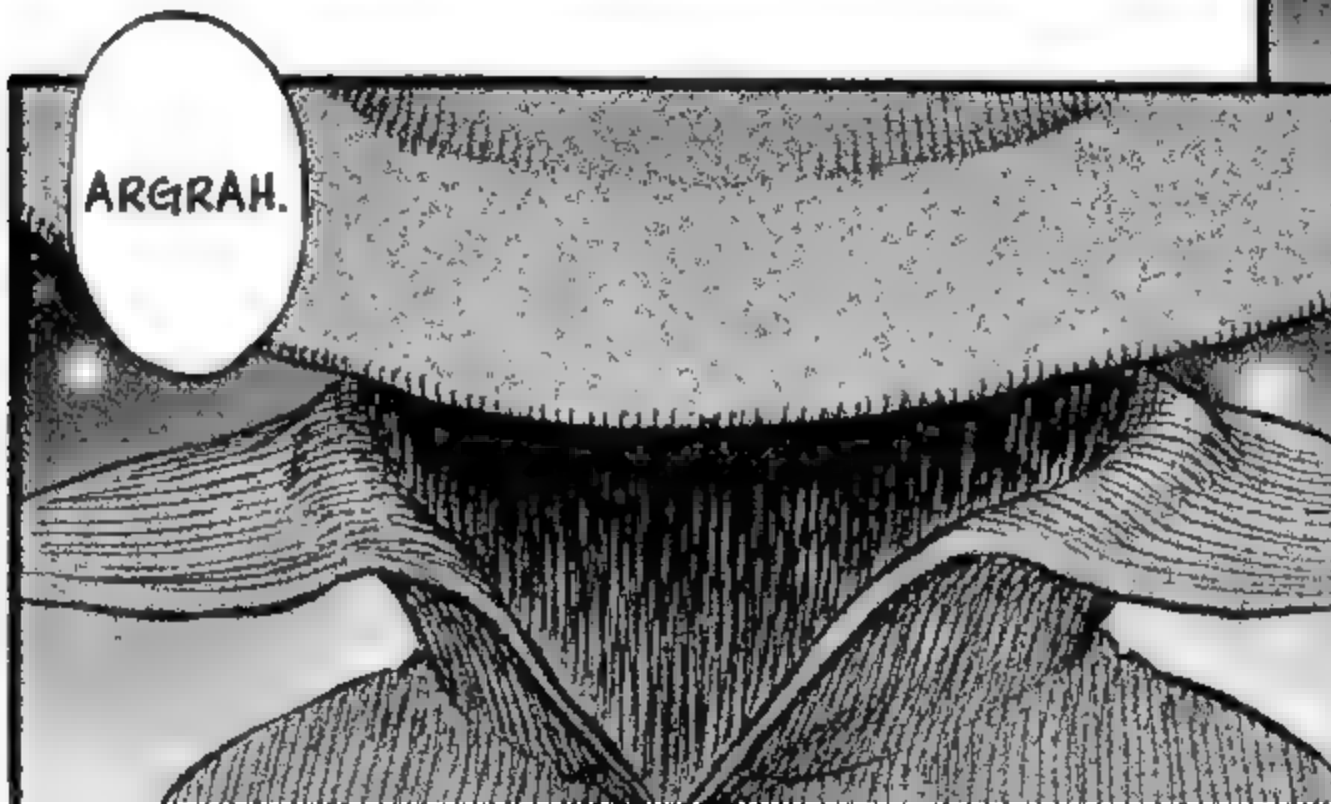
...SO YOU
BETTER
SHUSH
AND NOT
BOTHR
HER, IF
YOU DON'T
WANNA
DIE.
♡

WHAT SHE'S
CHANTIN'
RIGHT NOW
IS A SPELL
TO PROTECT
ALL YOU
FROM THE
SHAGGIES...



EGHE-
HYEH.

ADONAI
TSABAUT.



ARGRAH.



*SWSS

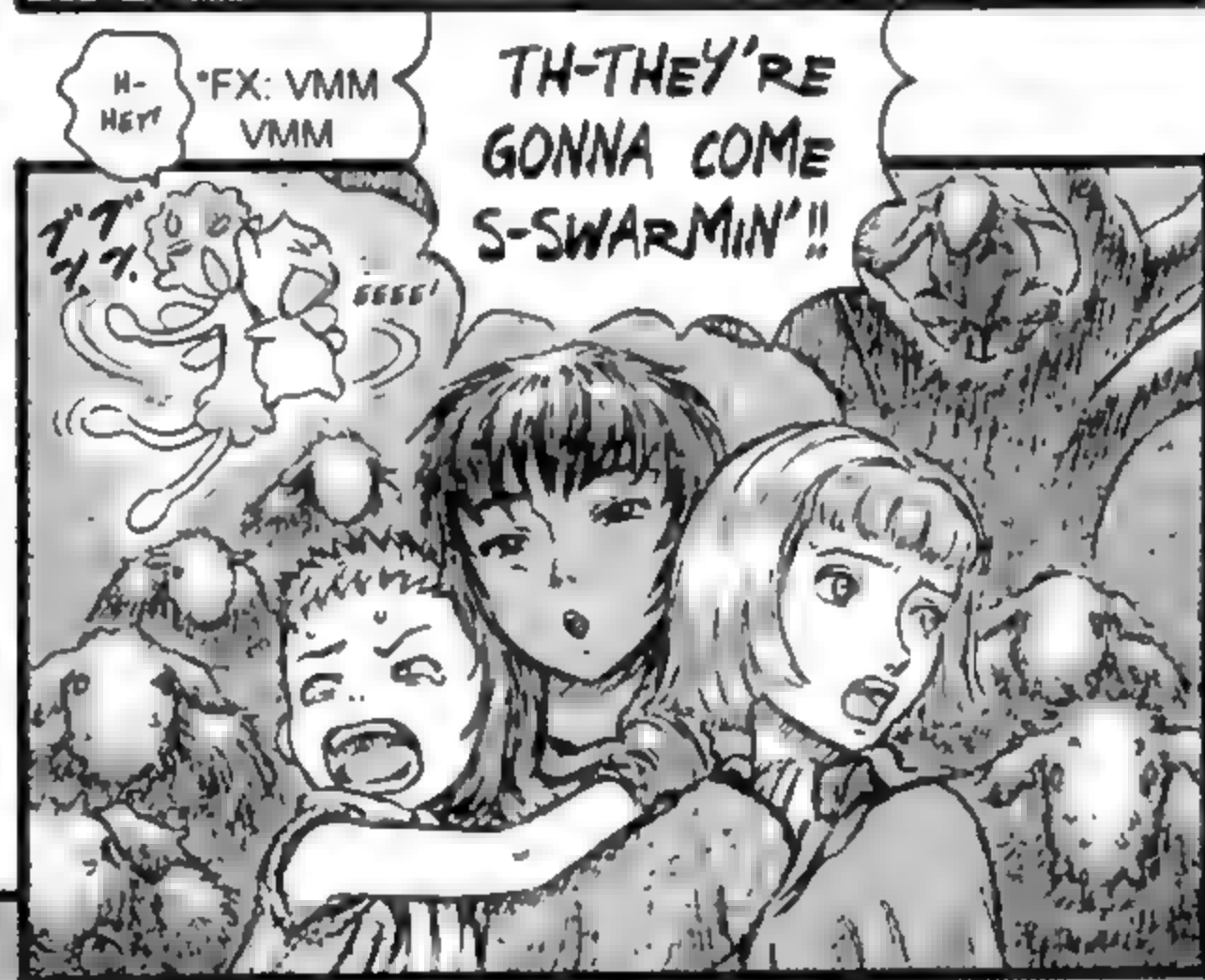
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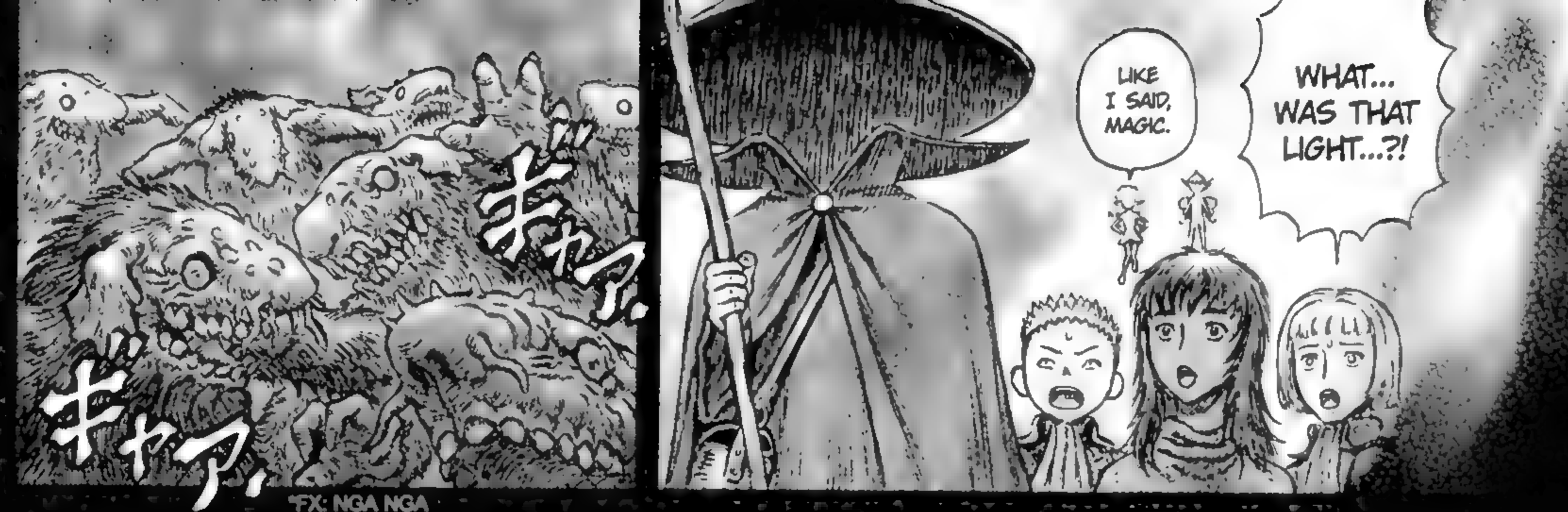
YODO
HEGH VAU
HEGH.

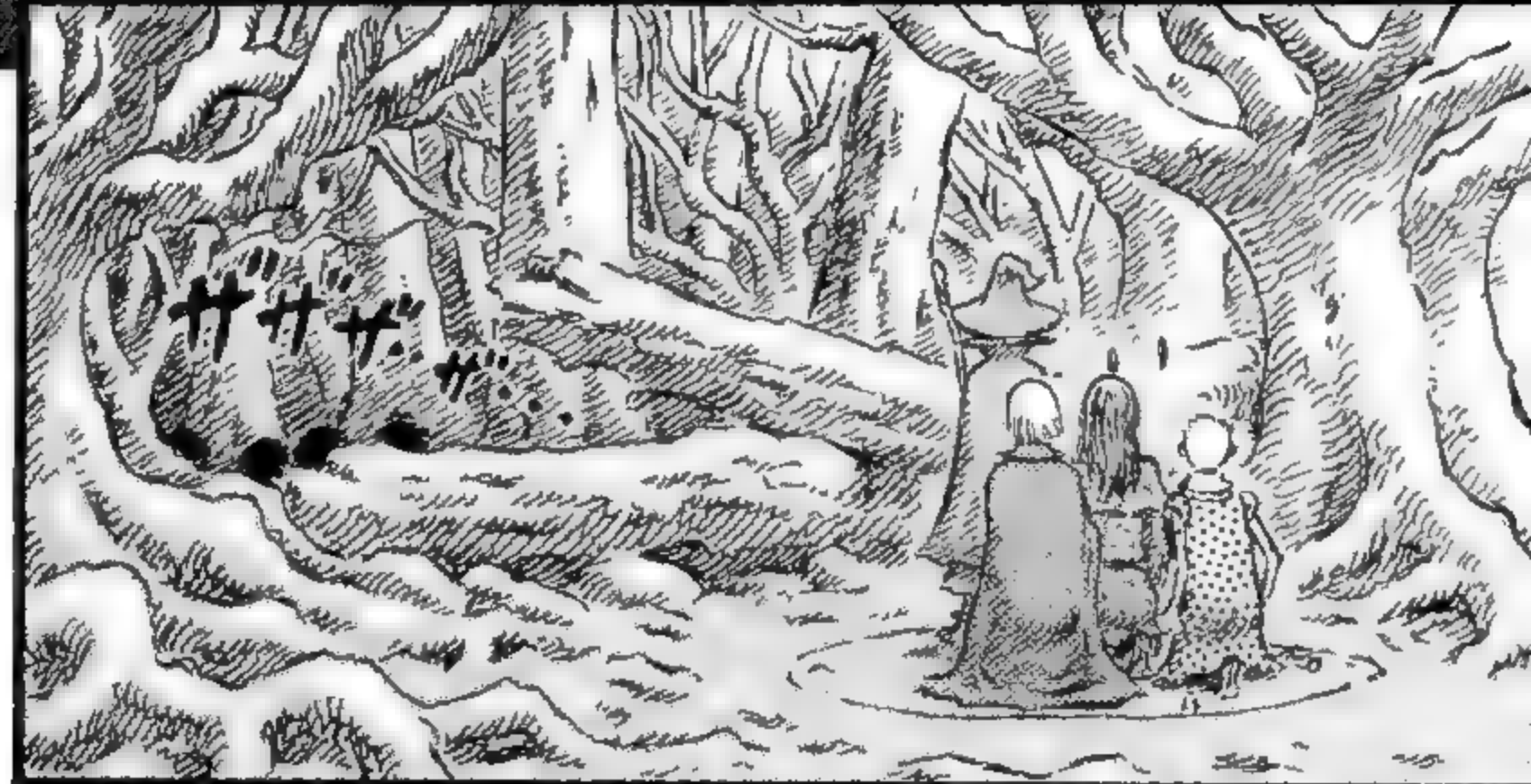
WHOA!
WHAT'S
HIS
DEAL?!

I'VE
MISSED
YAAA!

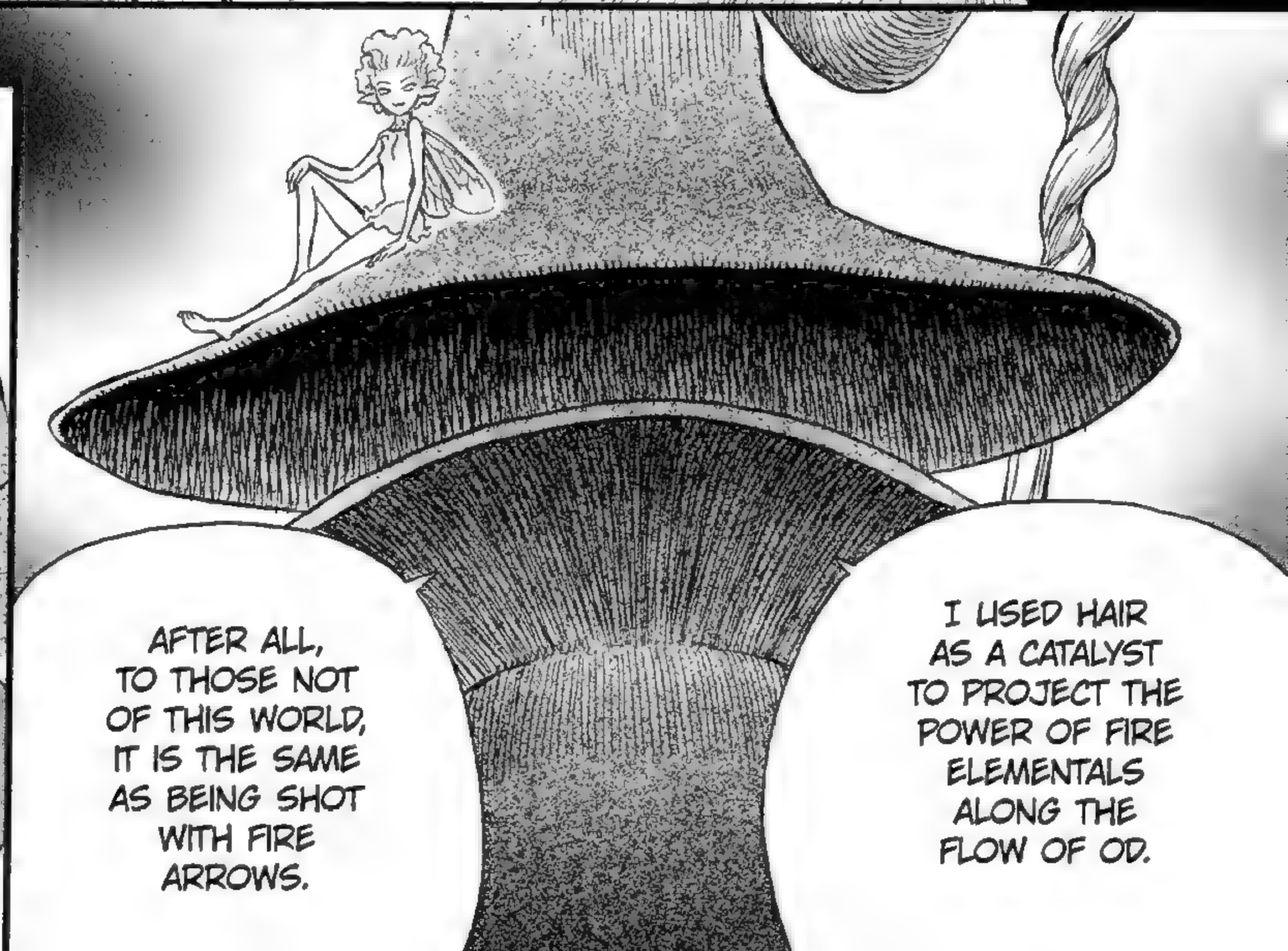
HE
SHRUNK!







*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA



AFTER ALL,
TO THOSE NOT
OF THIS WORLD,
IT IS THE SAME
AS BEING SHOT
WITH FIRE
ARROWS.

I USED HAIR
AS A CATALYST
TO PROJECT THE
POWER OF FIRE
ELEMENTALS
ALONG THE
FLOW OF OD.



BEGGING
YOUR
PARDON...

IT WOULD
BE BEST
IF YOU
TOOK YOUR
LEAVE
OF THIS
REGION
QUICKLY.

PLEASE
HEED
SOME
ADVICE.

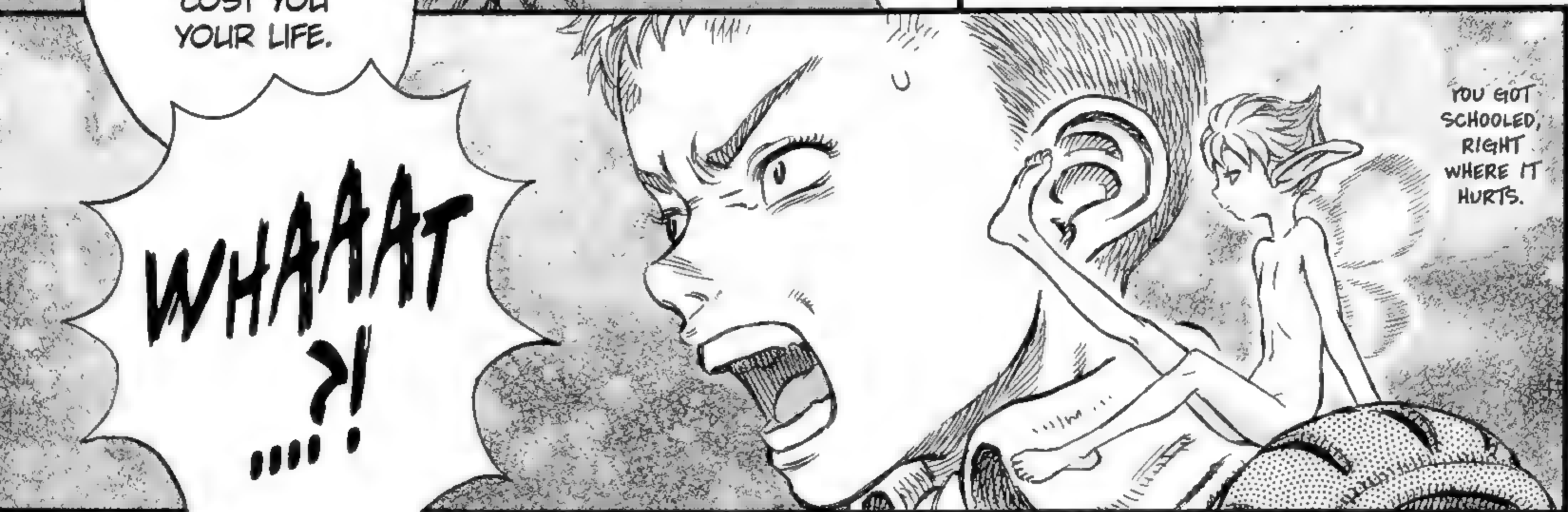


...THE
NEXT TIME,
YOUR SWORD
SKILLS WILL
COST YOU
YOUR LIFE.

...BUT
BASED ON
WHAT I
SAW...

WE
MAY NOT
LOOK IT,
BUT WE'RE
PRETTY
USED TO
MONSTERS
LIKE
THOSE.

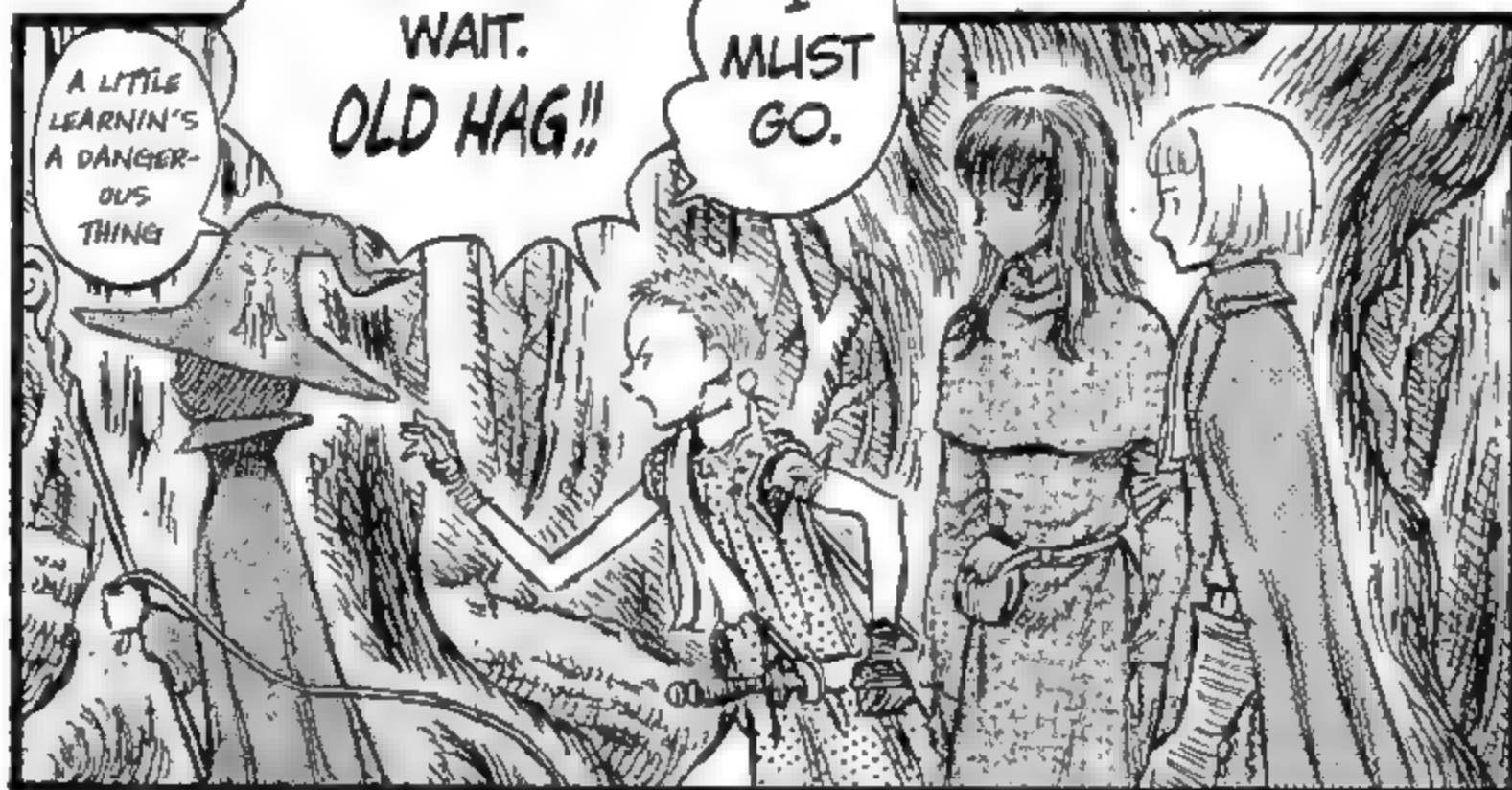
N-NO
NEED
TO
WORRY.



WHAAAT
?!
....!!

YOU GOT
SCHOOLED,
RIGHT
WHERE IT
HURTS.

*FX: GLOMP



A LITTLE
LEARNIN'S
A DANGER-
OUS
THING

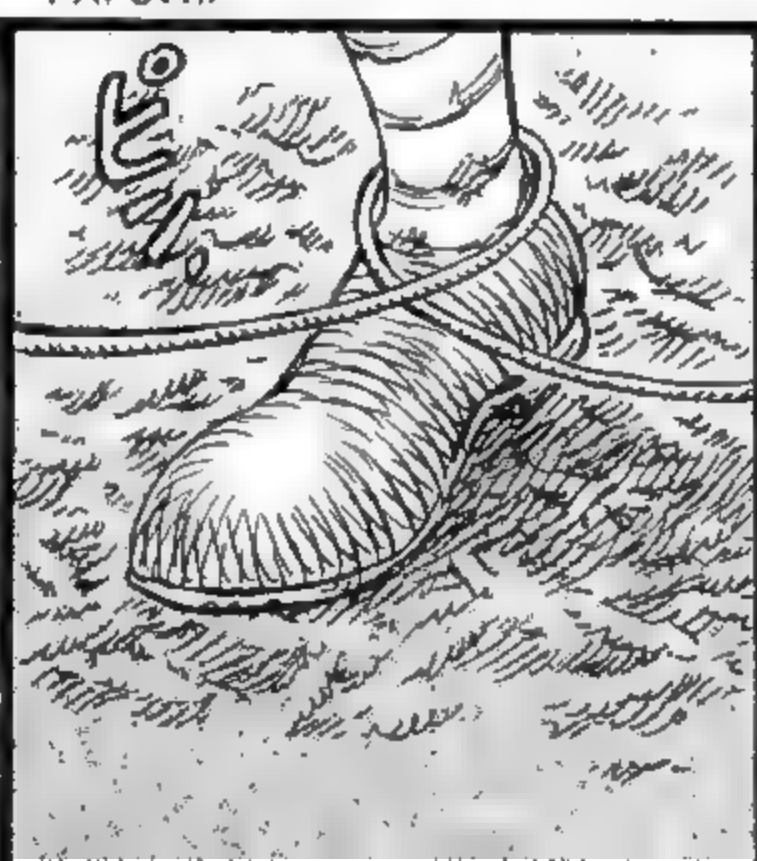
H-HEY,
WAIT.
OLD HAG!!

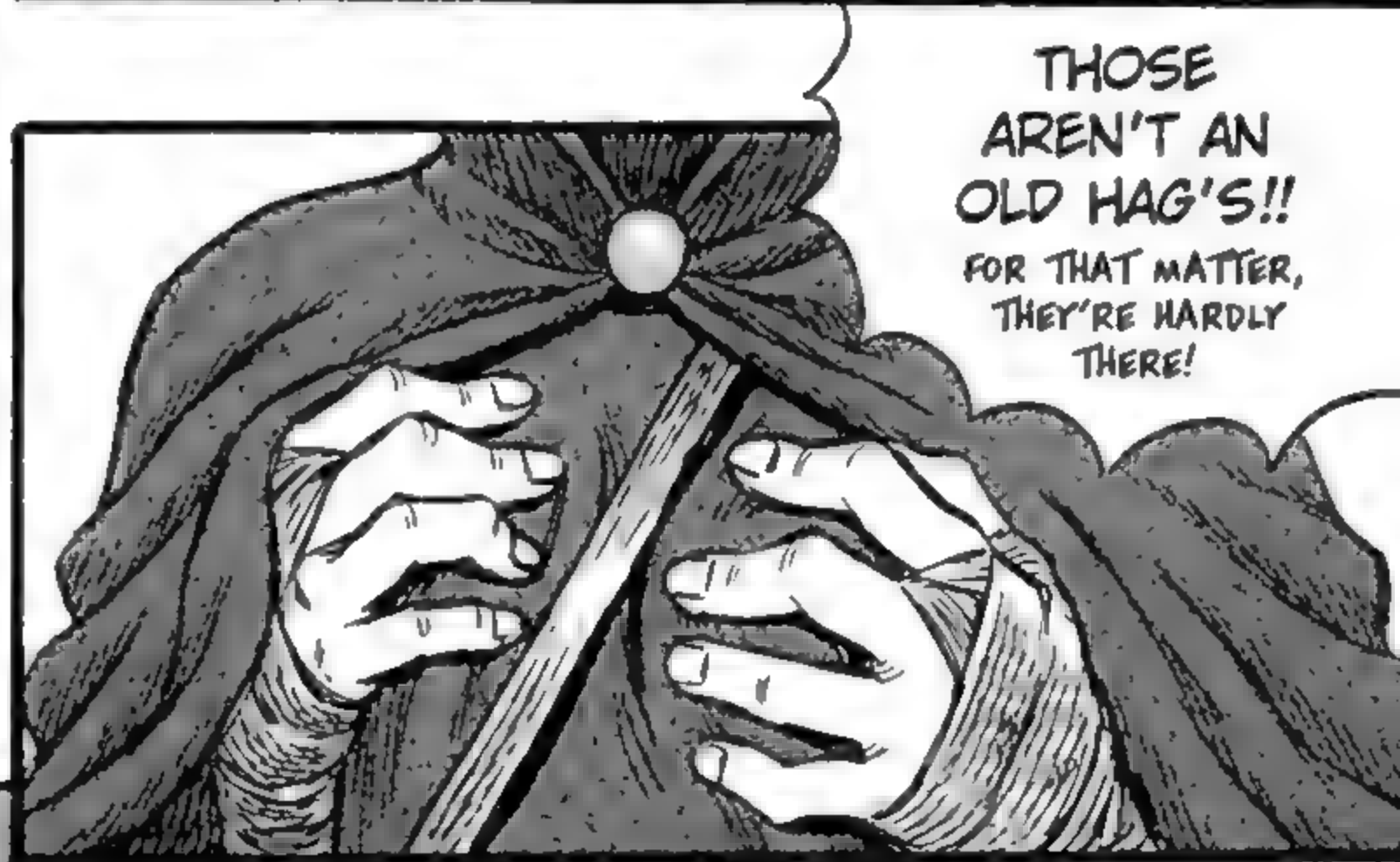
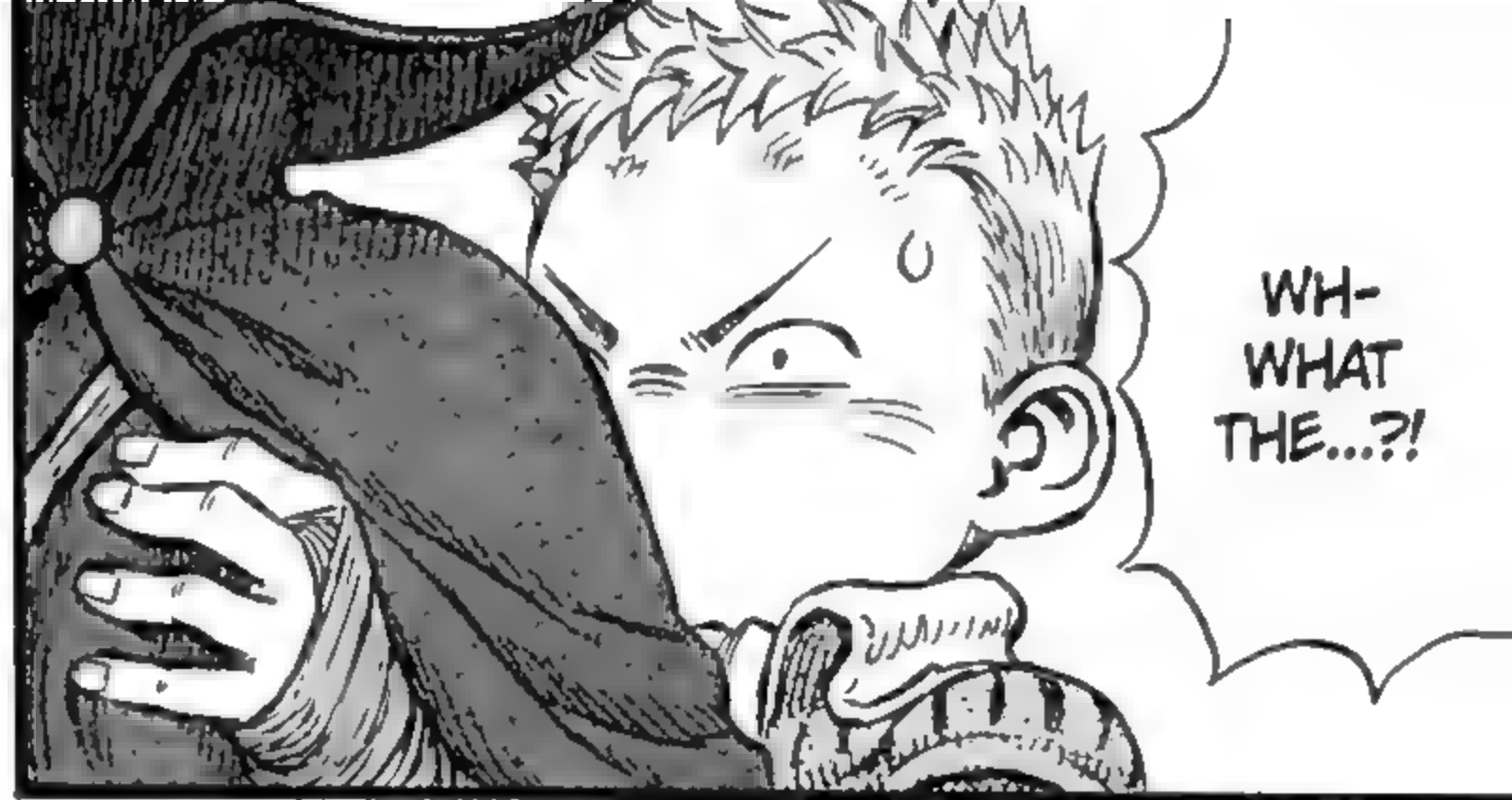
I
MUST
GO.

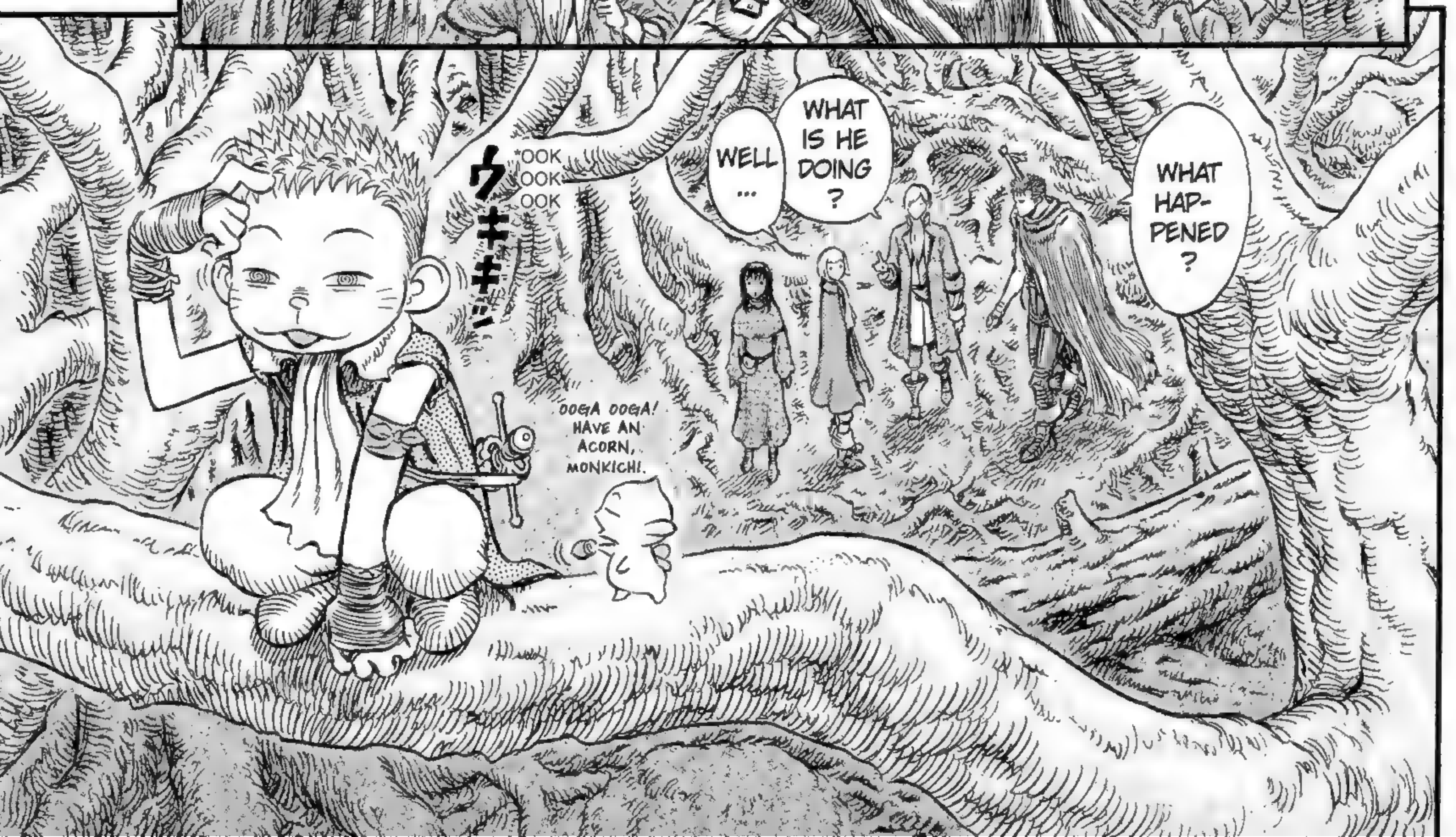
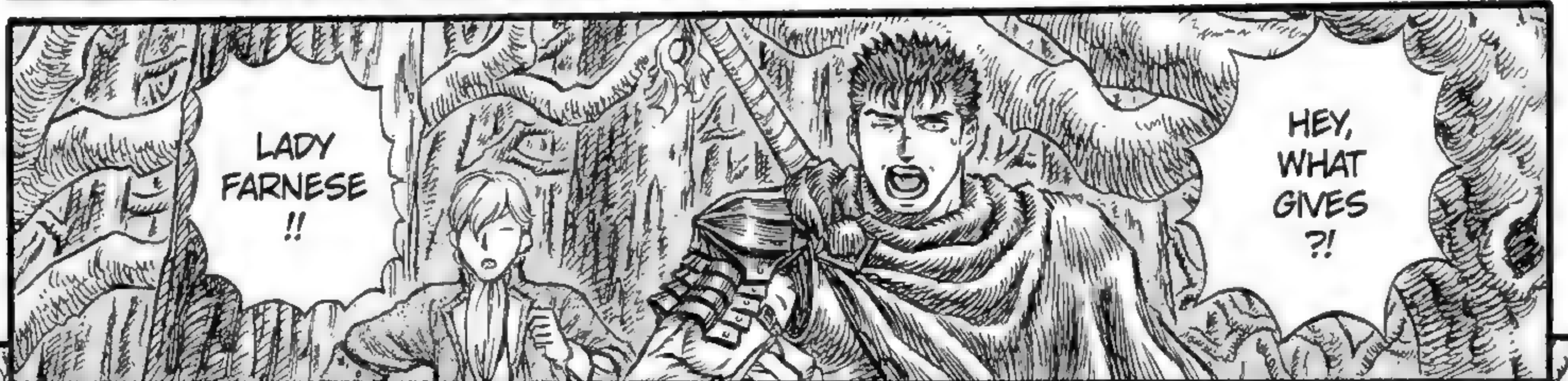
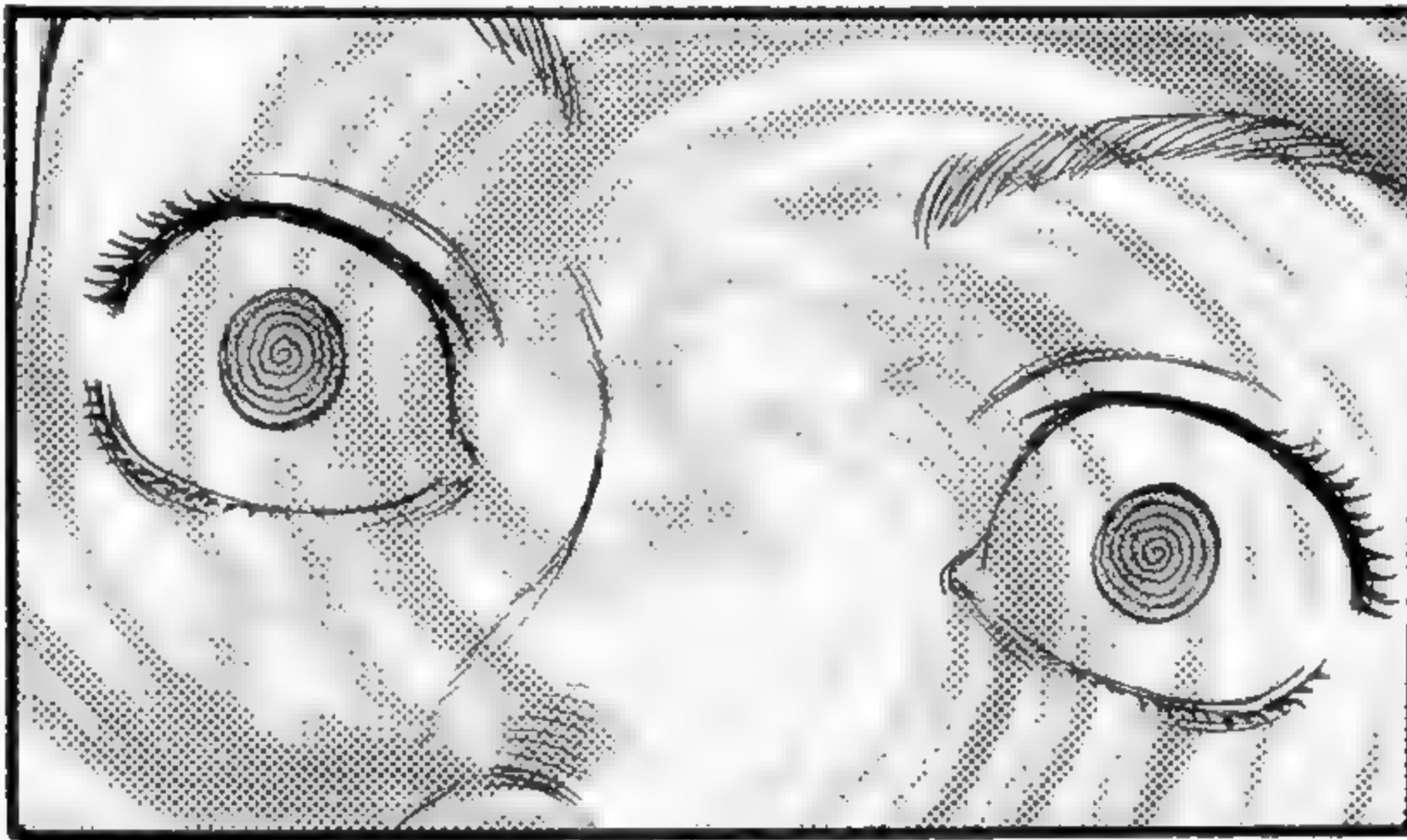
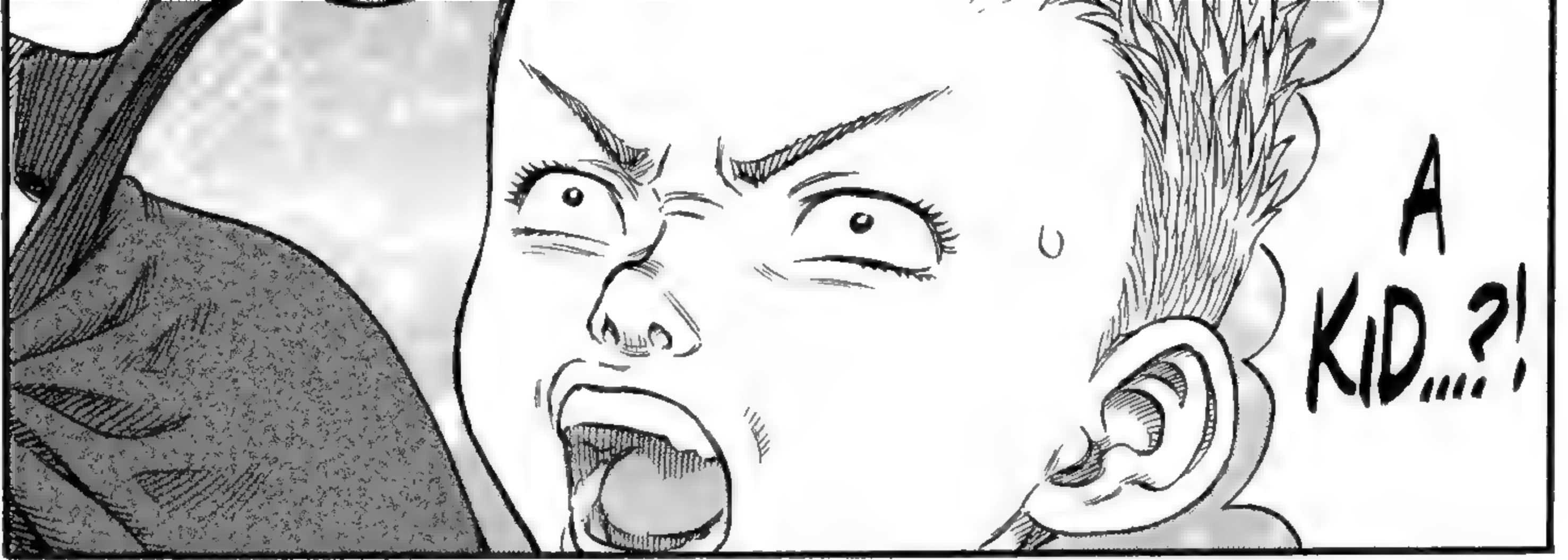
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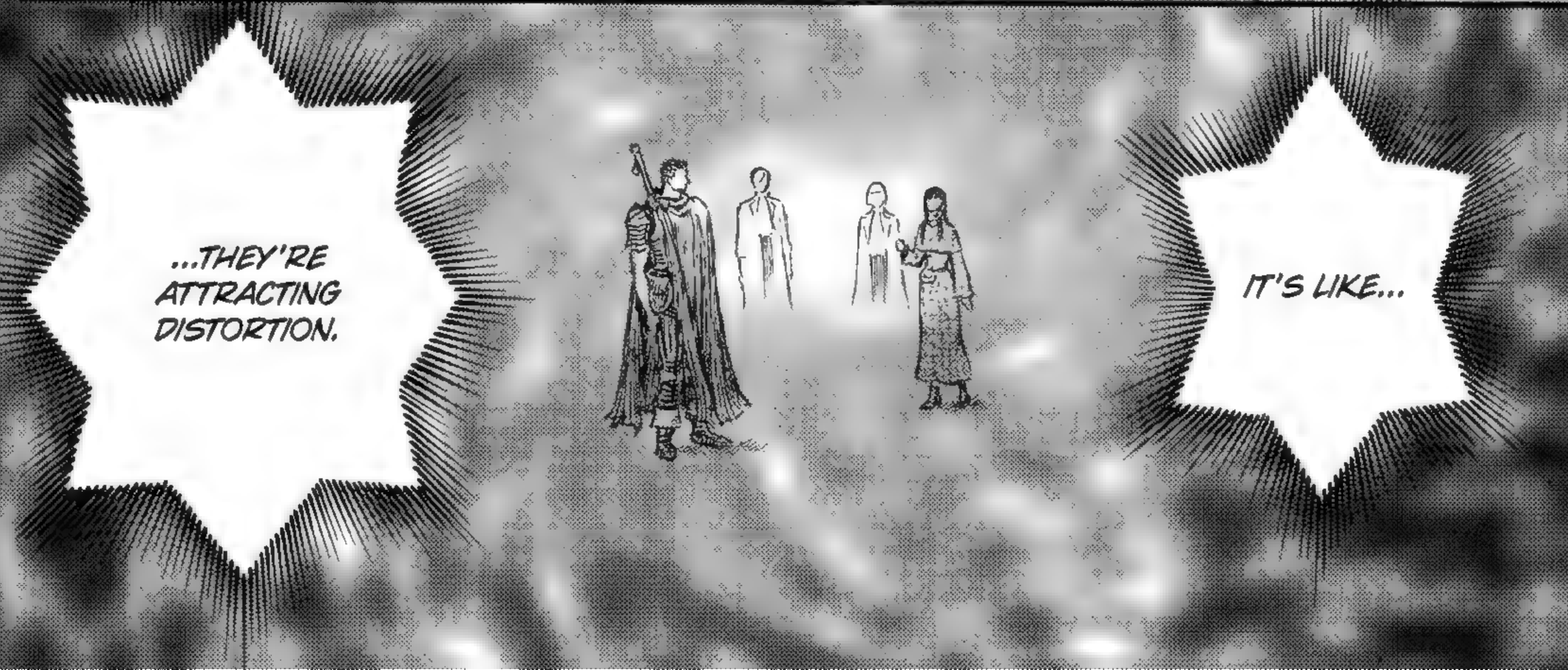


*FX: SWIP



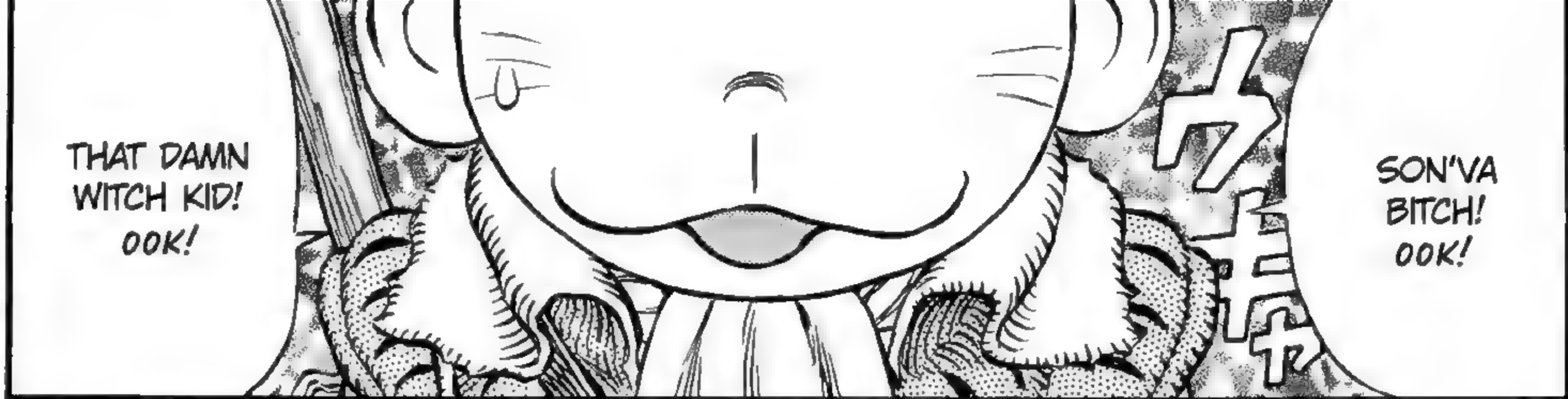




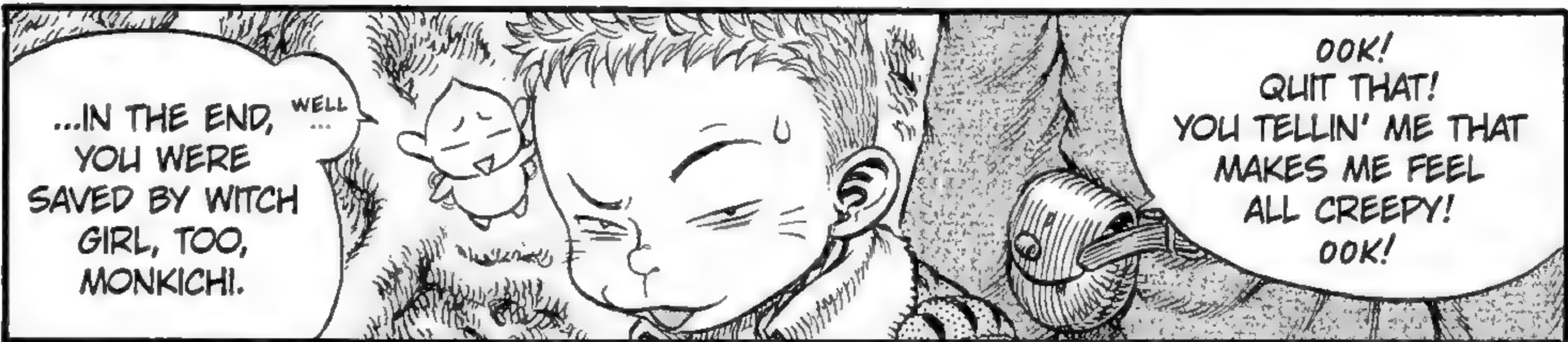
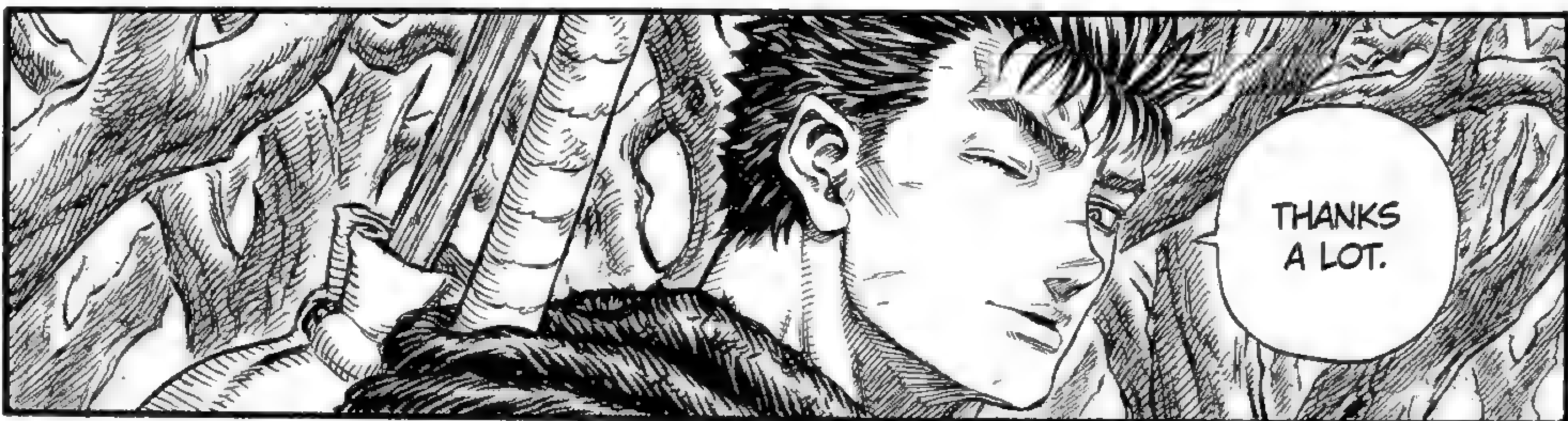


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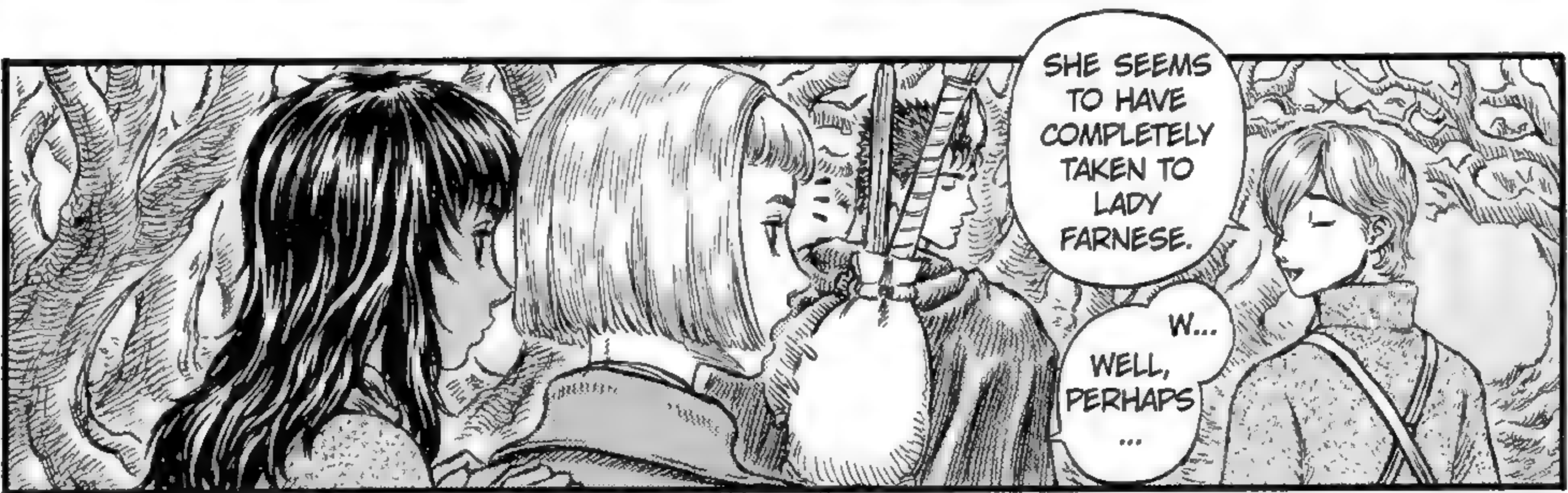
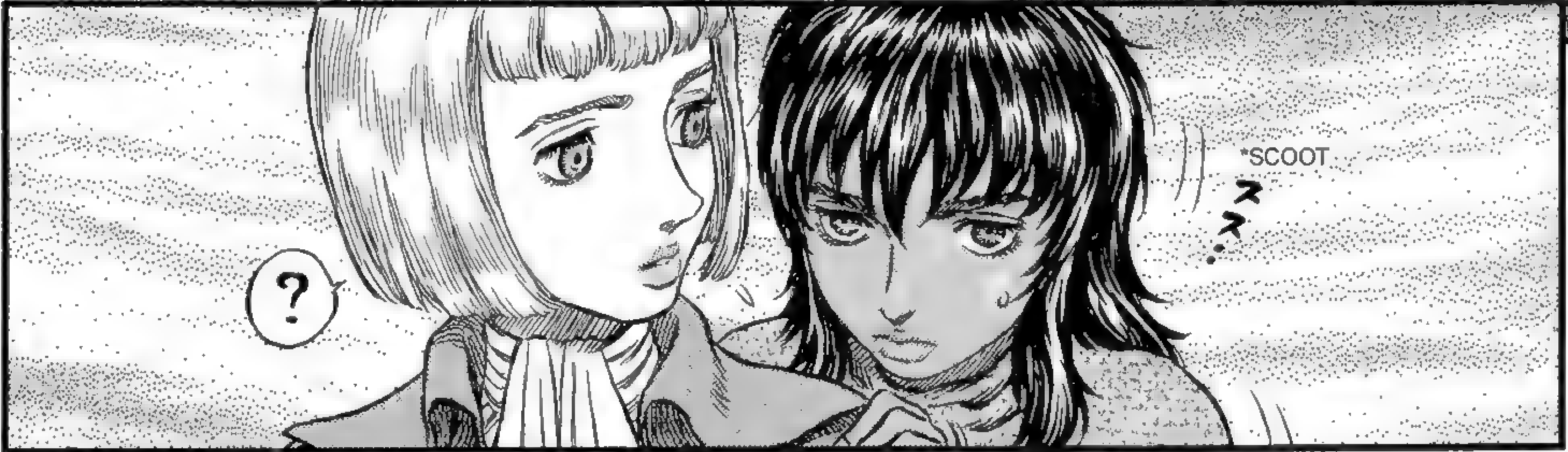


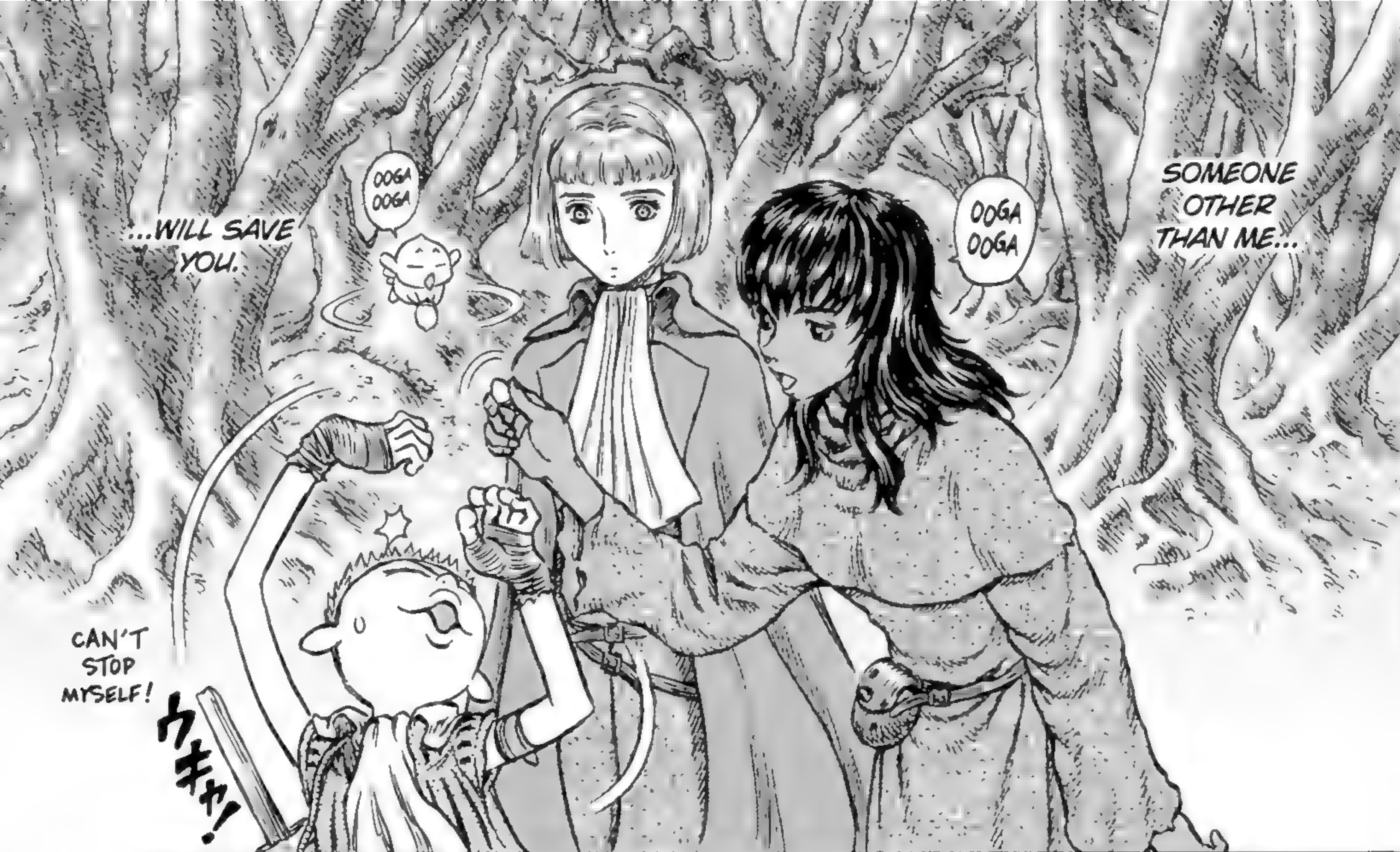
*FX: OOK



*FX: EEEE!







...WILL SAVE
YOU.

OOGA
OOGA

OOGA
OOGA

SOMEONE
OTHER
THAN ME...

CAN'T
STOP
MYSELF!

ウキヤ!

*FX OOKEE!



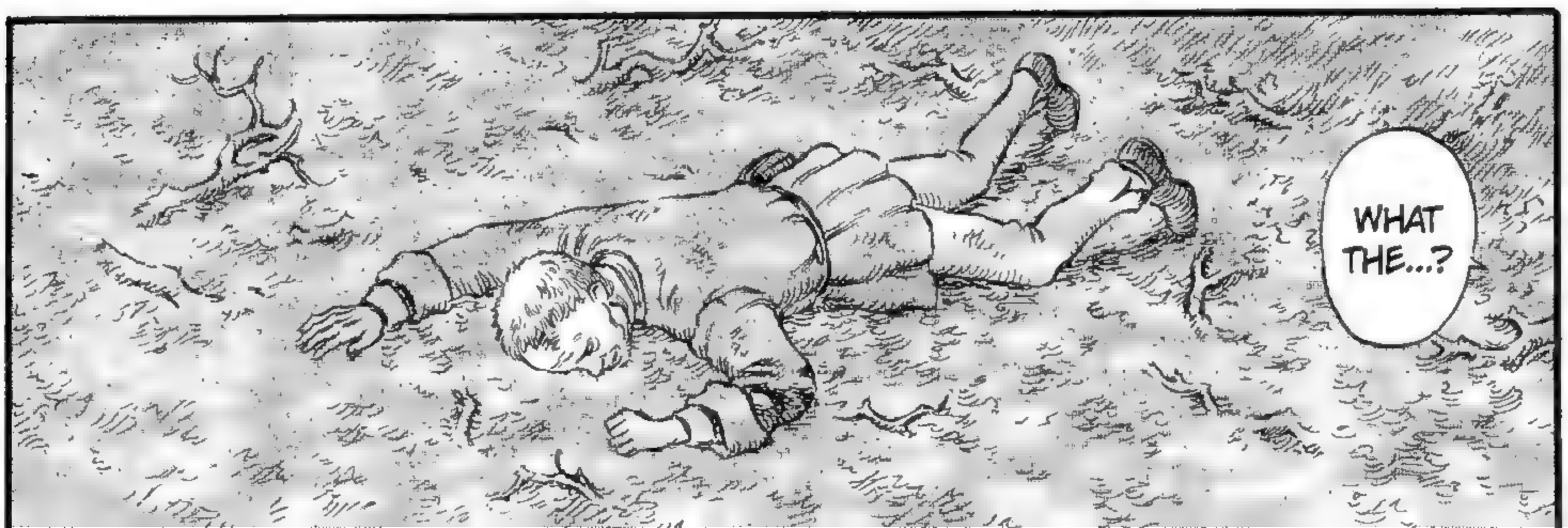
FOR NOW,
THAT'S FINE.

DON'T
PLAY WITH
ME!



I WOULD...

...ONLY
HURT YOU.



TH-THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH.
YOU SAVED
ME.

WE'RE
NOT
GONNA
EATCHA.

HERE,
HOLD
STILL.

WHAT IN
THE WORLD
HAPPENED
?

THE SUN'S
STILL HIGH,
ANYWAY.

FINE BY
ME.

IS THERE
ANY WAY
WE CAN
SEE HIM
THERE?

THERE
WERE FIVE
OTHERS
WITH ME,
BUT THEY
ALL...

WE WERE
ATTACKED
BY
TROLLS.

YOU WILL
NEVER MAKE
IT BACK
ALONE WITH
THOSE
INJURIES.

MY VILLAGE
IS ABOUT
AN HOUR
FROM
HERE.

ARE
YOU FROM
AROUND
HERE,
SIR?

THE
TROLLS,
HUH...?

...BUT THIS
AREA HAS
FOR A LONG
TIME HELD
MANY LEGENDS
OF FAIRIES,
WITCHES,
AND THE
LIKE.

I AM FROM
ENOCH
VILLAGE.
I'M
MORGAN.

AS
TRAVELERS,
YOU MIGHT
NOT KNOW
THIS...

THERE
IS SOME-
WHERE I
ABSO-
LUTELY
MUST GO
FIRST.

I
APOLO-
GIZE, BUT
I CANNOT
RETURN
HOME
JUST
YET...

?



CURSED NIGHT?

...UNTIL THAT CURSED NIGHT CAME.



...THERE WERE SOME WHO SAID THEY HAD ACTUALLY SEEN THEM. BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO HARD PROOF, AND EVEN AMONG NATIVES THERE WERE NOT MANY WHO BELIEVED THE LEGENDS THROUGH AND THROUGH...

ALTHOUGH THAT IS THE REALM OF FABLE AND FOLKLORE...



JUST LIKE THEY HAD FALLEN OUT OF A TALE...

THE FIRST NIGHT OF WINTER...

...A PACK OF TROLLS ATTACKED THE VILLAGE.

...THEY EMERGED FROM THE DARKNESS.



AS IF ALL THAT HAD BEEN BEFORE WAS A LIE...



YES, EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD HAS CHANGED.



NOT ONLY DO THEY RUIN THE FIELDS AND STEAL LIVESTOCK...

THEY EVEN CARRY OFF OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.




A LEGEND
FOR A
LEGEND...



NOW WE
ARE RAIDED
BY CREATURES
OF LEGEND...
IT IS JUST
A MATTER OF
TIME BEFORE
THE VILLAGE IS
WIPED OUT!

BECAUSE OF
THE WAR WITH
THE KUSHAN,
HEAVY TAXES
ARE IMPOSED
ON THE PEOPLE.
ENOCH VILLAGE
WAS POOR TO
BEGIN WITH, AND
IT WILL BE ALL
WE CAN DO NOT
TO STARVE TO
DEATH THIS
WINTER!



...WOULD HE
EVER SEND
SOLDIERS
FOR SUCH
NONSENSE
LIKE
TROLLS?!

EVEN
IF WE
WERE
TO TELL
HIM...

OUR LORD
HAS BEEN
DISPATCHED
TO VRITANNIS,
AND THE
CASTLE IS NOW
EMPTY.

THEN DO
YOU PLAN
TO APPEAL
DIRECTLY
TO YOUR
LORD?

THEN
WHAT'LL
YOU DO
?



WE THOUGHT
WE WOULD
REQUEST
HELP FROM
A WITCH.

A WITCH.



A
WITCH
...?!

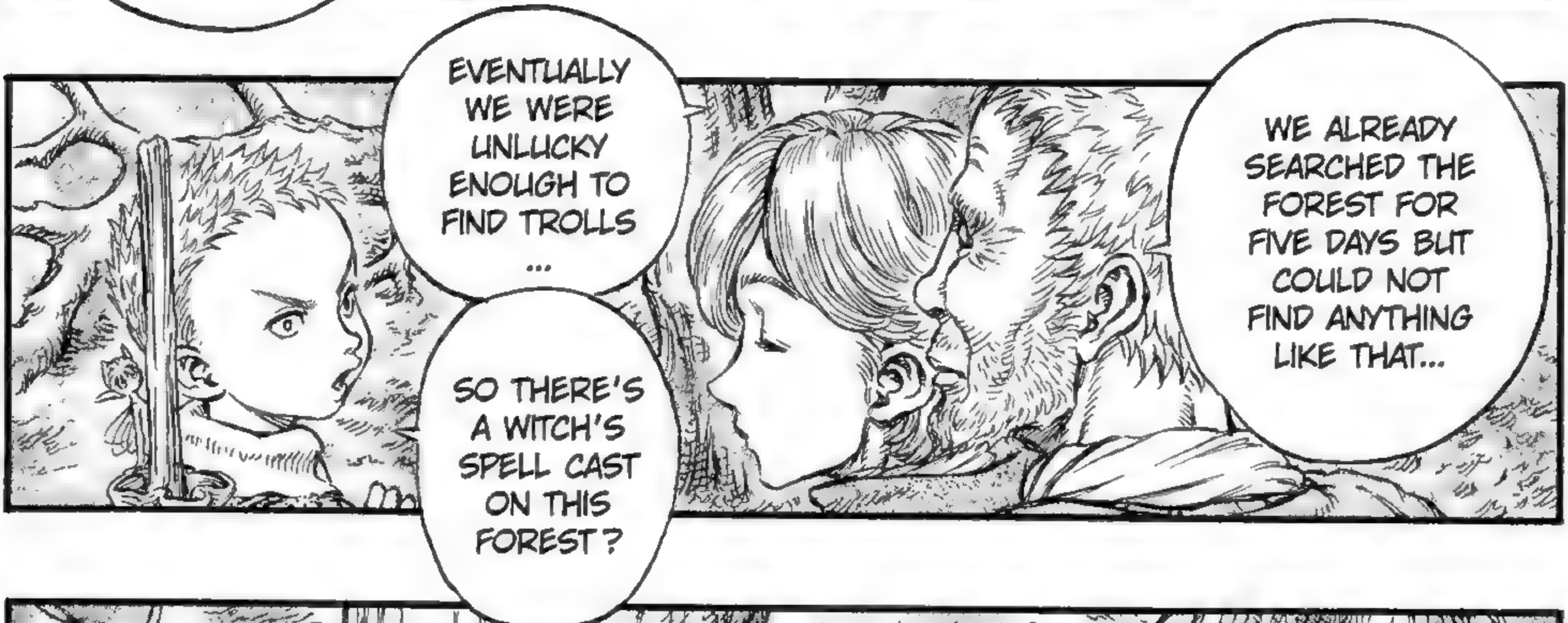


...BUT OF
OLD THERE
SOMETIMES
HAVE BEEN
CHILDREN WHO
CLAIMED THEY
SAW IT.

IN ANY CASE,
THE VILLAGERS
ARE TOO
AFRAID TO
GO NEAR...

ONLY
THOSE THE
MISTRESS OF
THE MANSION
WILLS MAY
REACH THAT
PLACE...

IT IS SAID
THAT DEEP IN
THIS FOREST
LIVES A WITCH
IN HER
MANSION.



EVENTUALLY
WE WERE
UNLUCKY
ENOUGH TO
FIND TROLLS
...

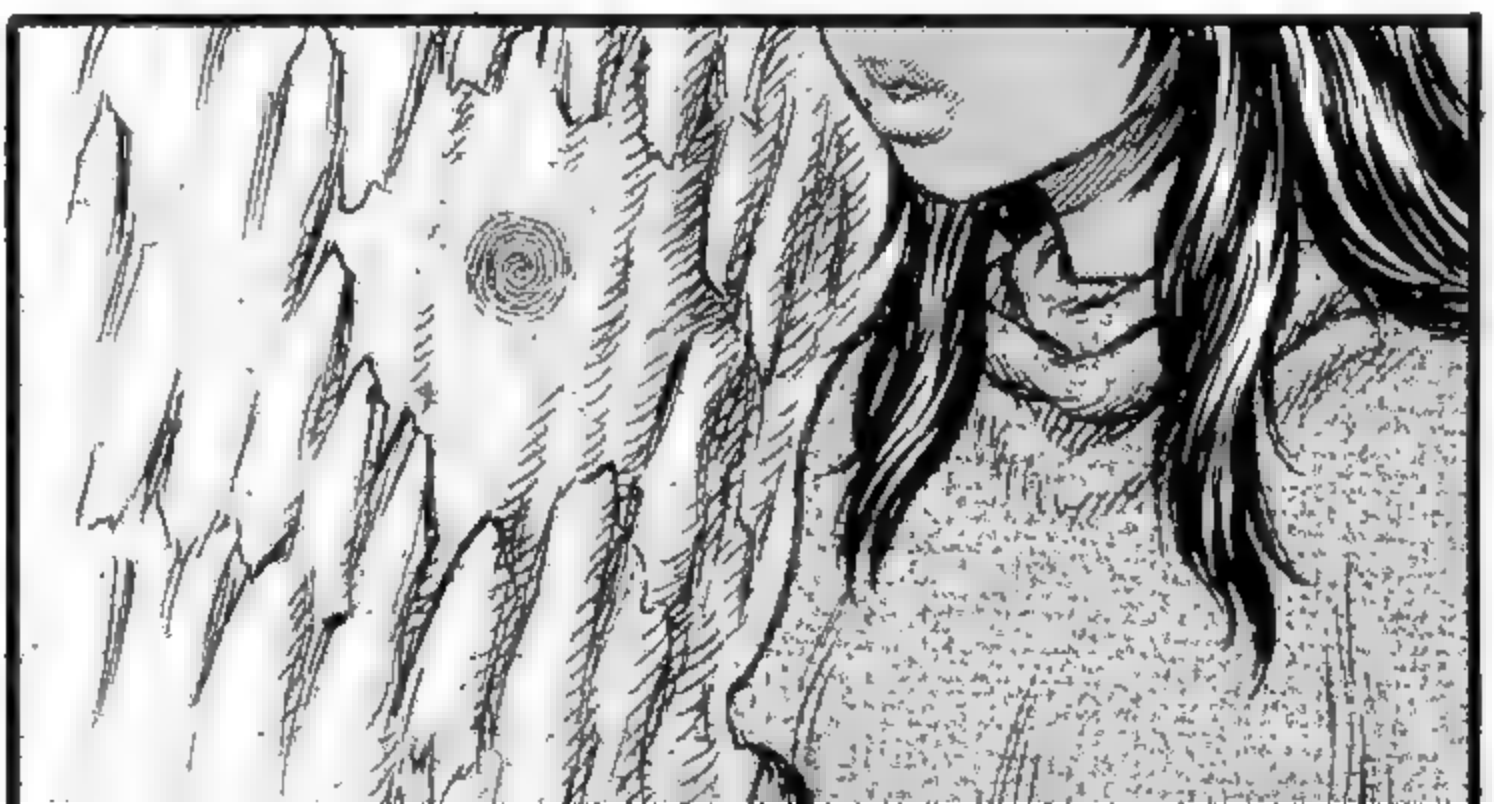
SO THERE'S
A WITCH'S
SPELL CAST
ON THIS
FOREST?

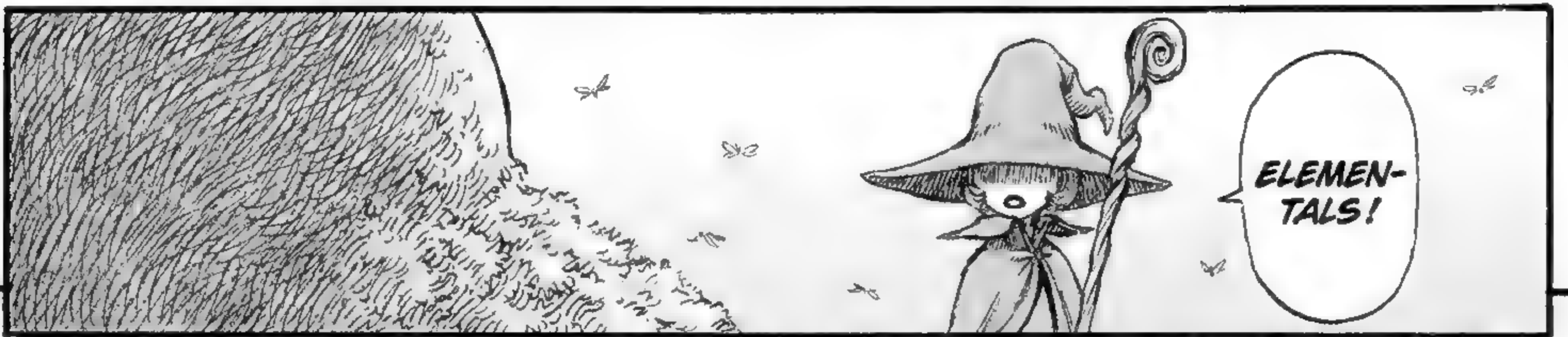
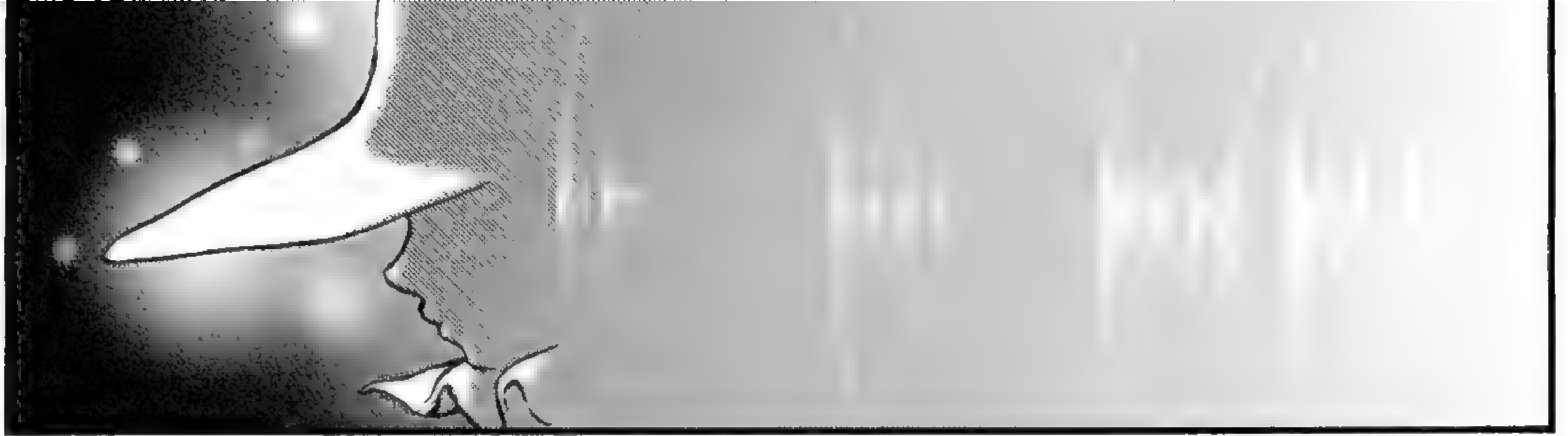
WE ALREADY
SEARCHED THE
FOREST FOR
FIVE DAYS BUT
COULD NOT
FIND ANYTHING
LIKE THAT...

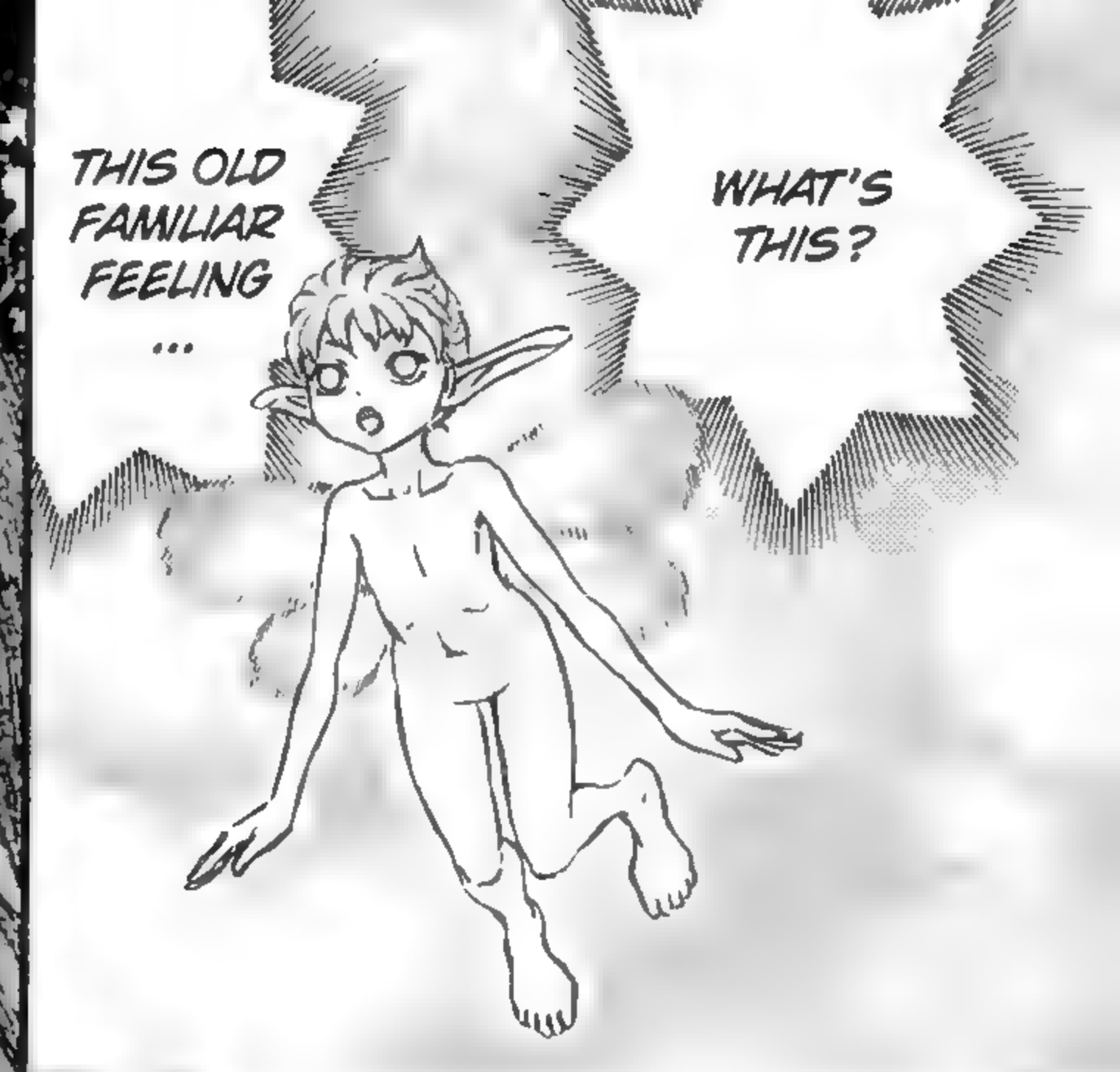


THEN
WOULDN'T IT
BE A WASTE
OF TIME NO
MATTER HOW
LONG YOU
SEARCHED
?

*FX. WSSS



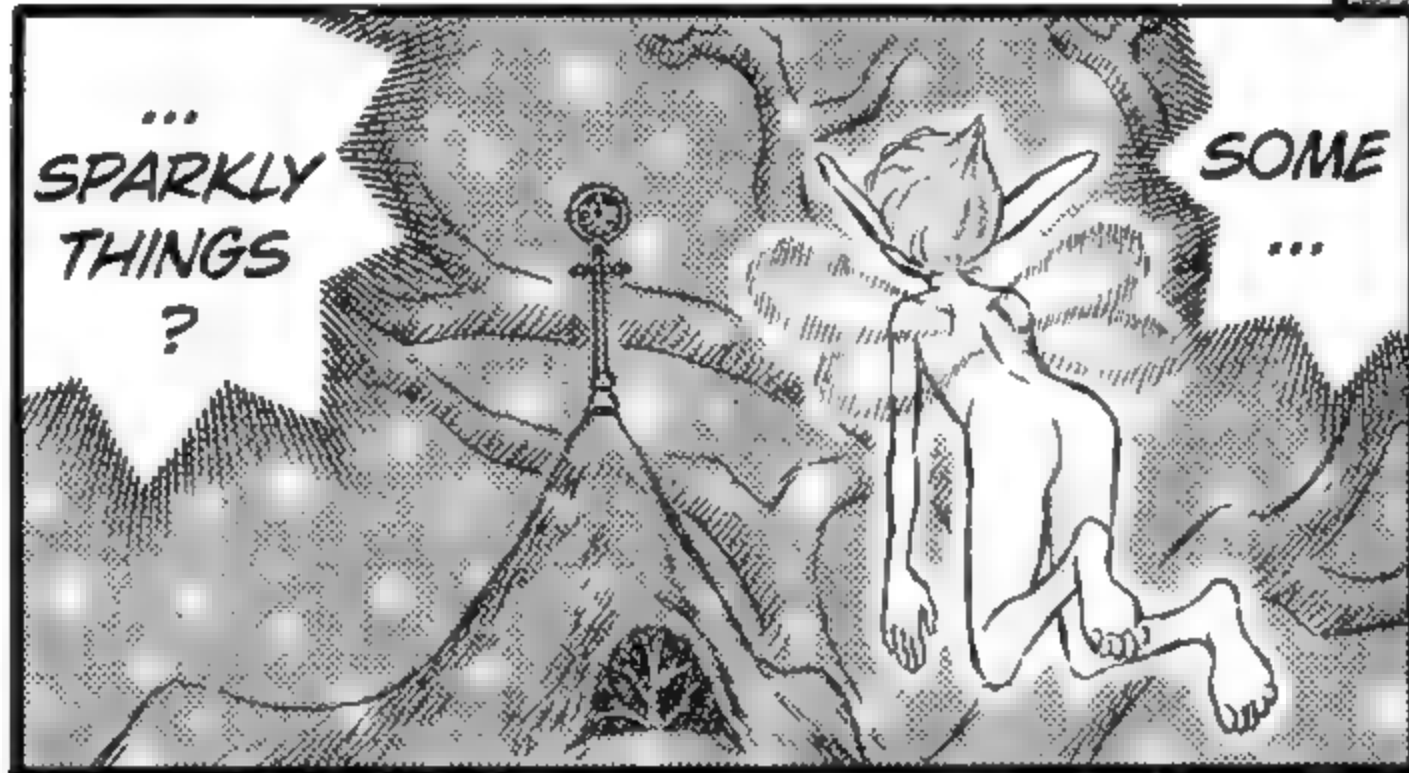






WHA
...?

WILD.
THIS IS
JUST LIKE A
FAIRY
TALE!



...
SPARKLY
THINGS
?

SOME
...



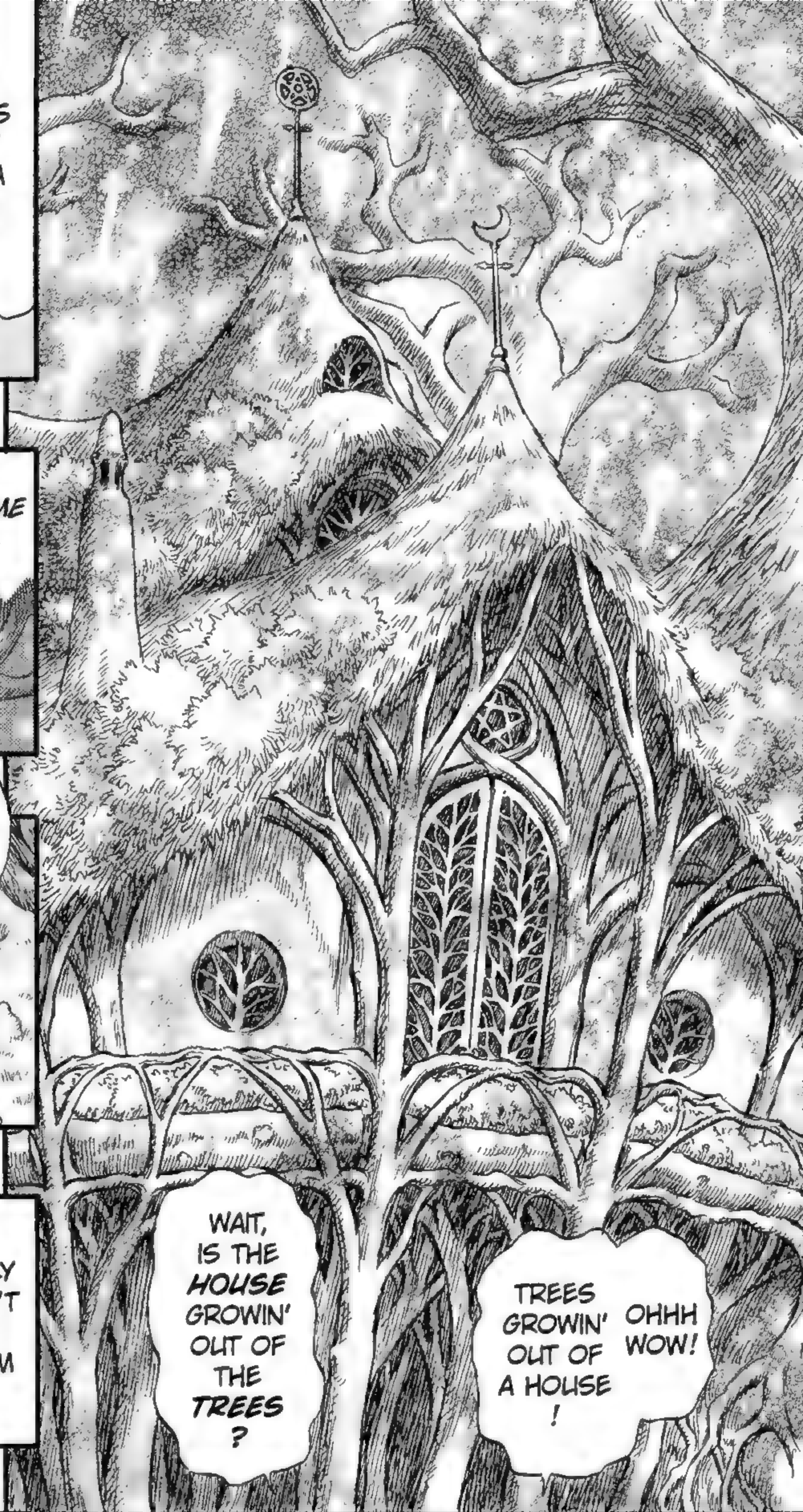
HEY, HEY,
WE FOUND IT
ALREADY,
MISTER.

OHH
...



IT
REALLY
WASN'T
A
DREAM
...

EH?



WAIT,
IS THE
HOUSE
GROWIN'
OUT OF
THE
TREES
?

TREES
GROWIN' OHHH
OUT OF A HOUSE WOW!
!



NOW WHAT
KINDA
PAYBACK
SHOULD
I GET?!

YOU'LL
JUST GET
TURNED INTO
MONKICHI
AGAIN.

THAT
WITCH KID'S
PROBABLY
HERE,
TOO...



ONE OF
THOSE
CHILDREN
WAS ME.

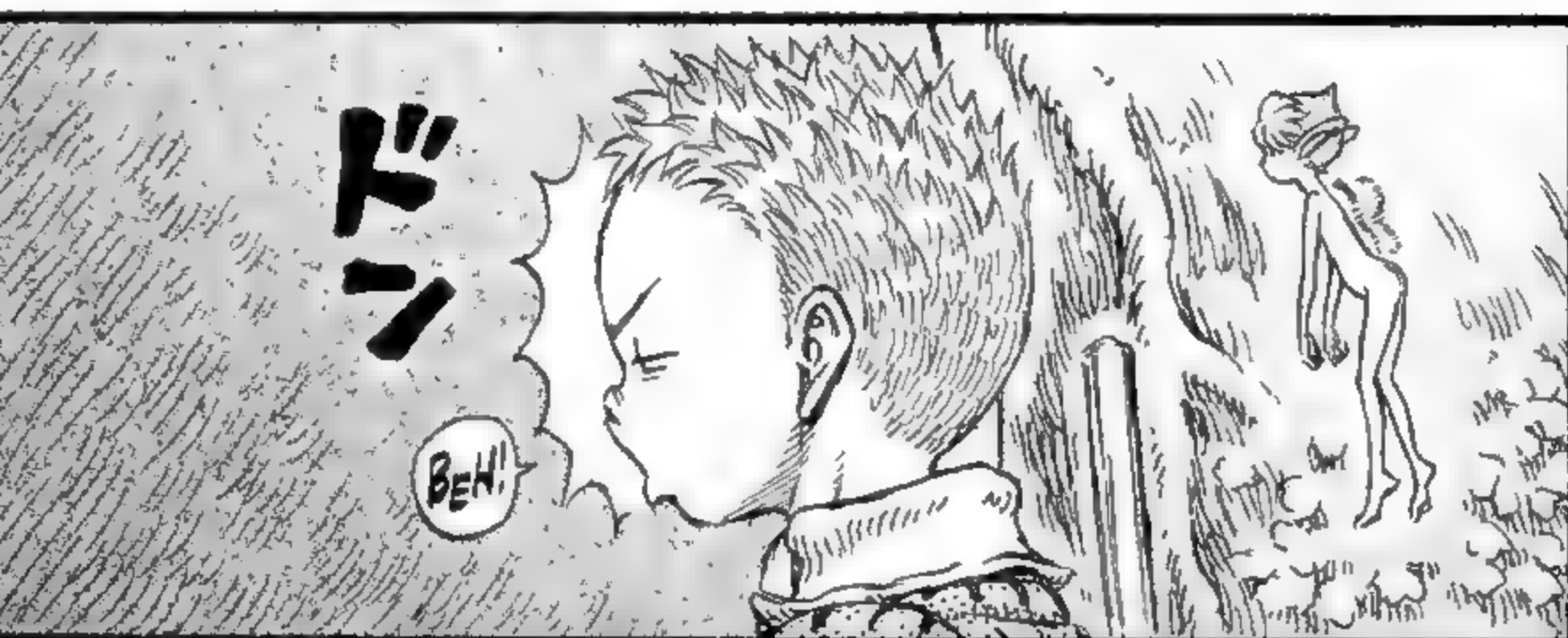
NO ONE
BELIEVED
ME, AND SO
MANY YEARS
PASSED THAT
EVEN I CAME
TO THINK
IT WAS A
DREAM.

DID I
NOT SAY
SOME
CHILDREN
SAW THIS
MANSION
LONG
AGO?

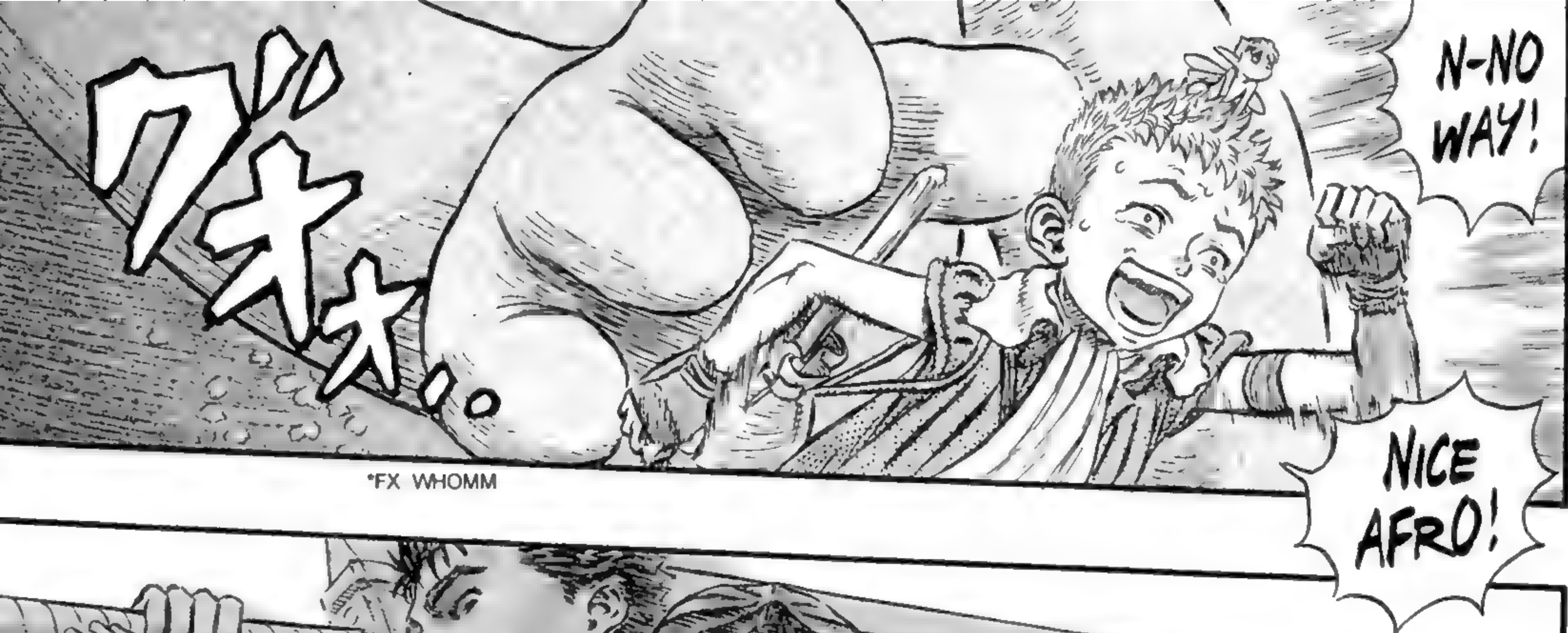
*WHAP



*FX: WHUMP





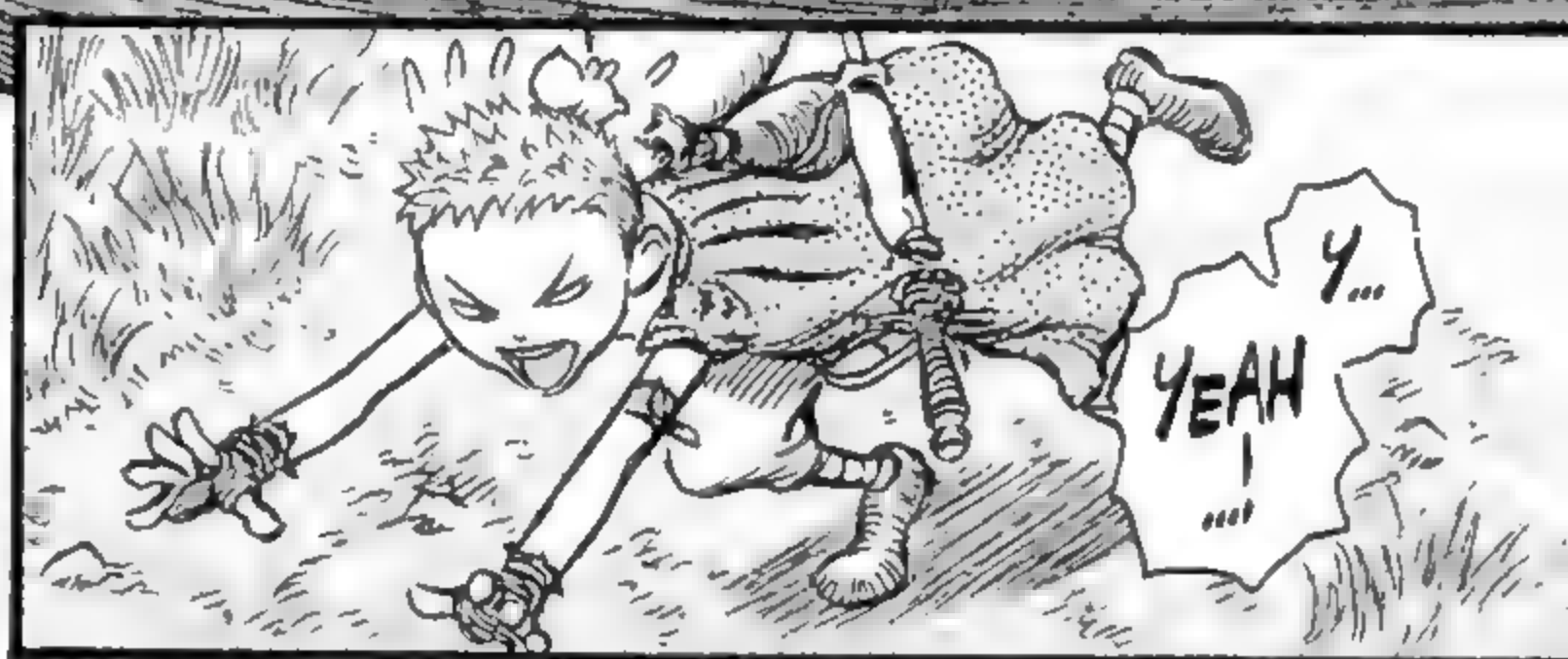
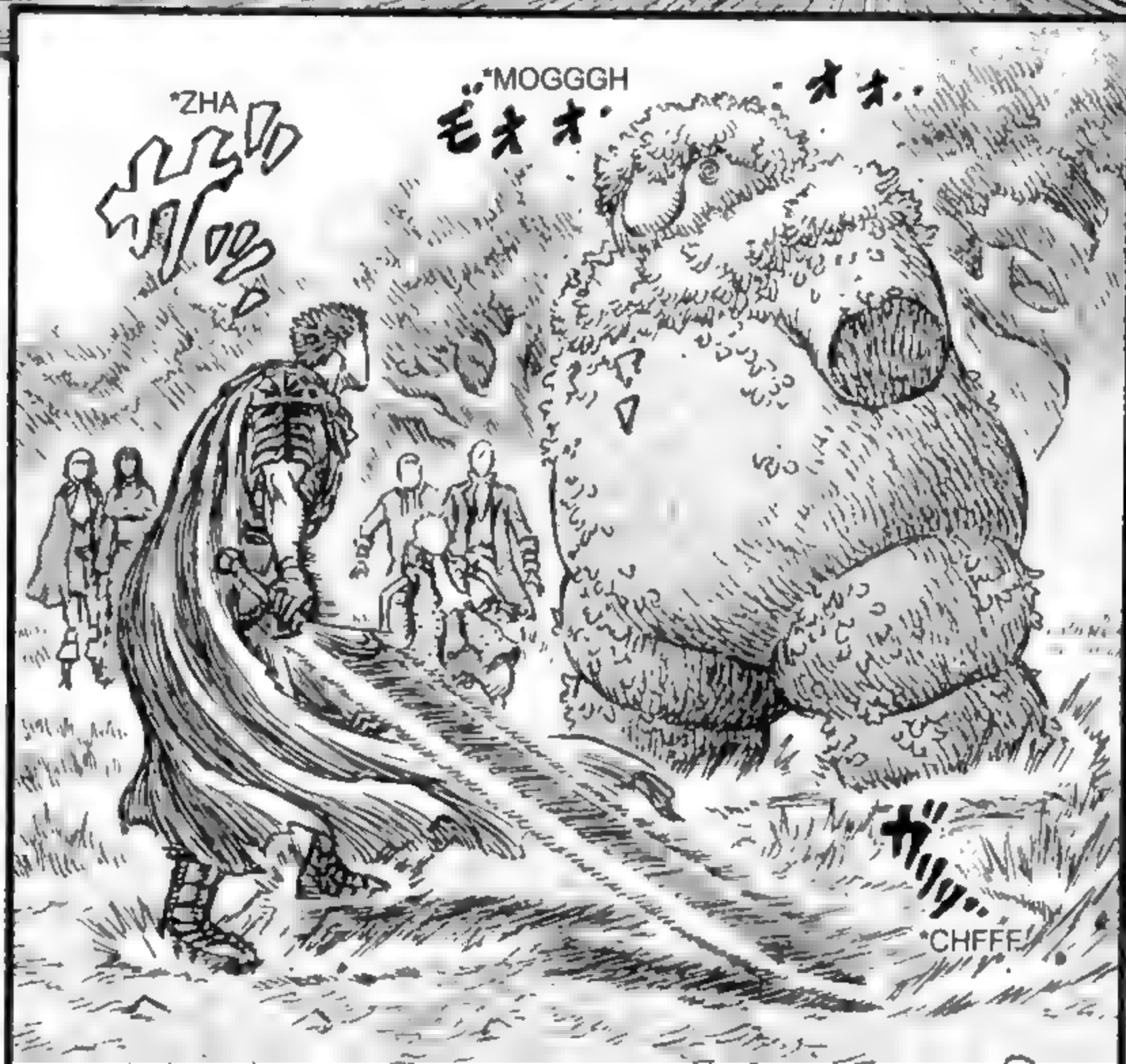


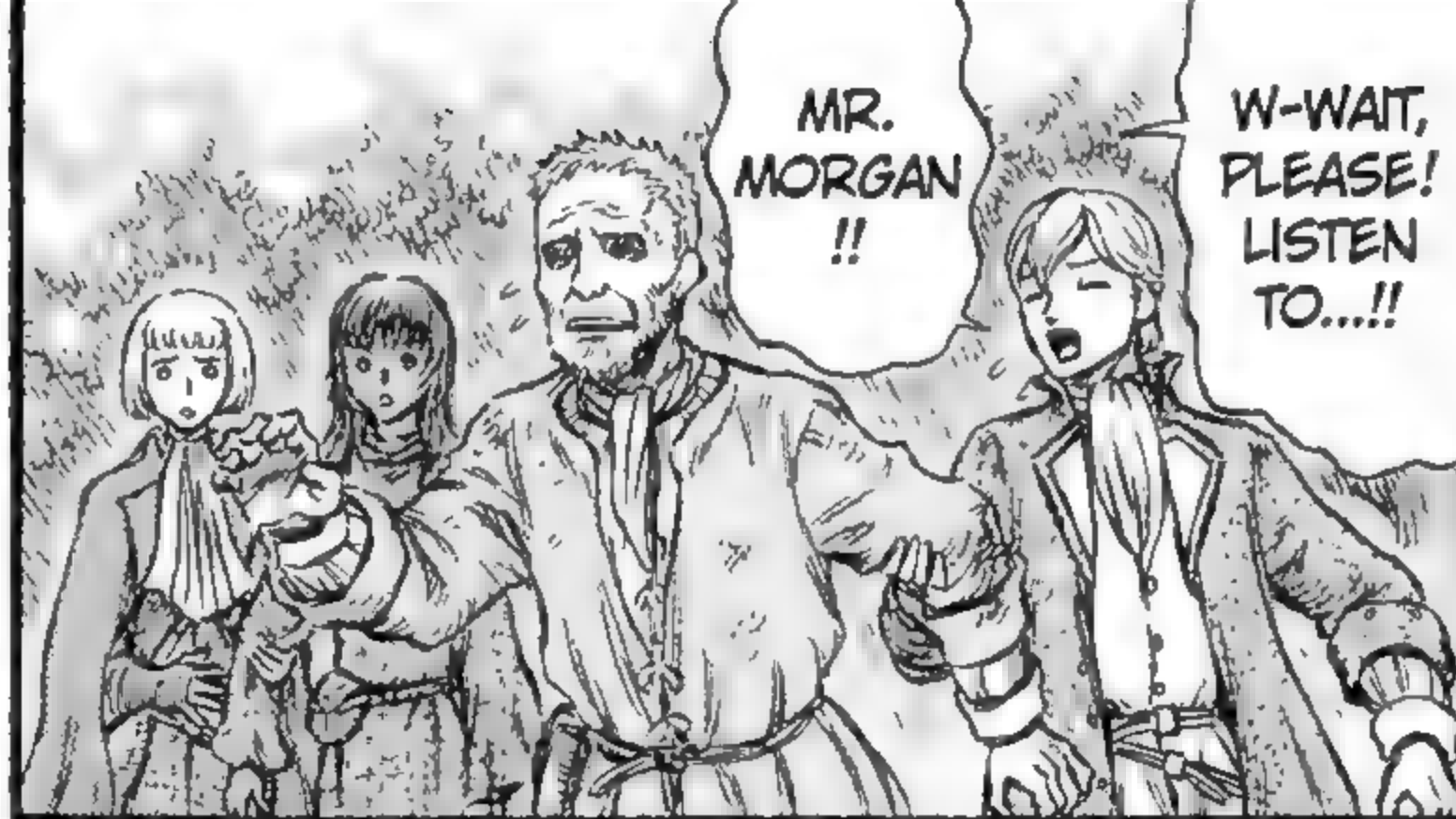
*FX WHOMM



*SHONK

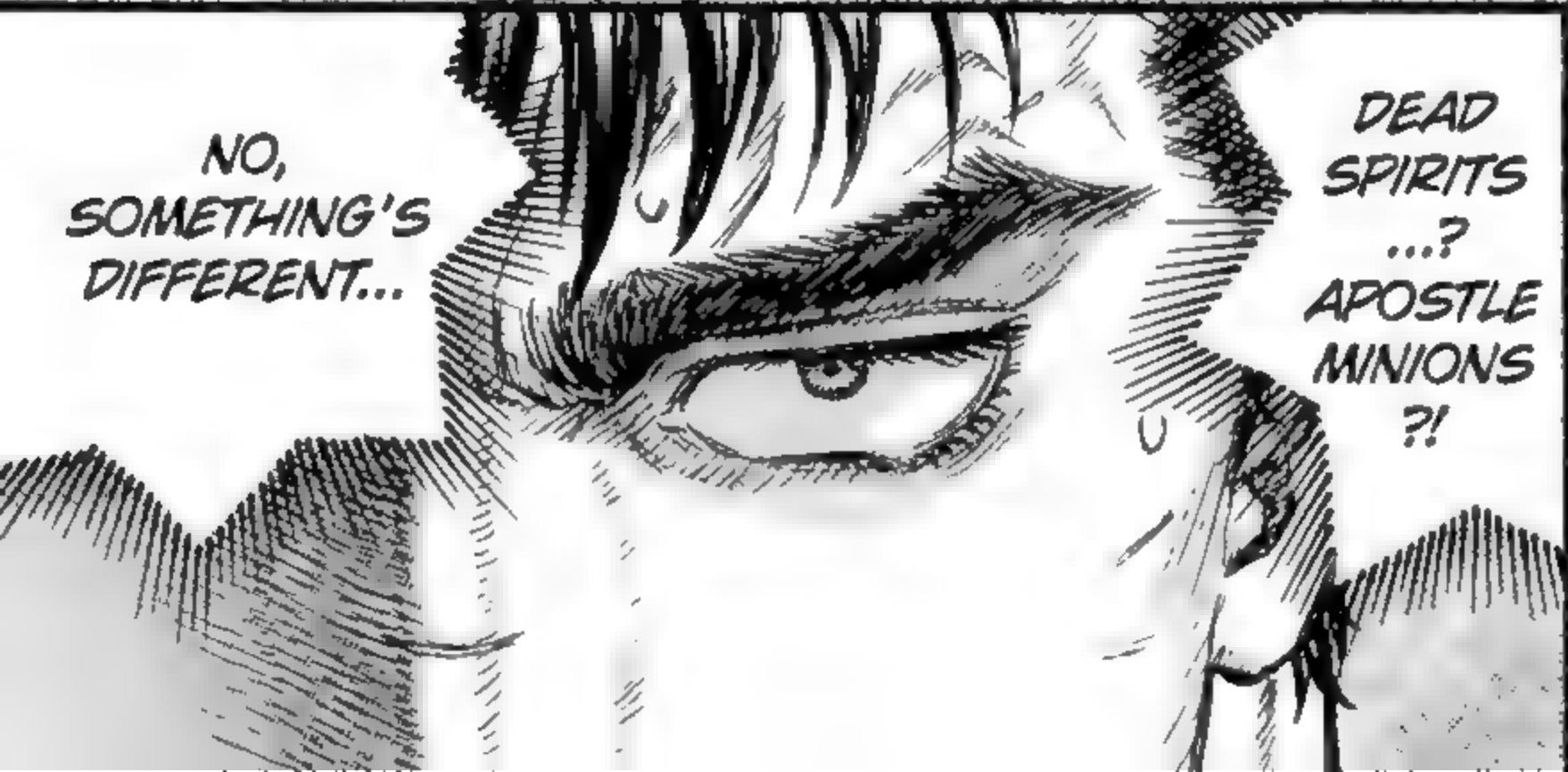
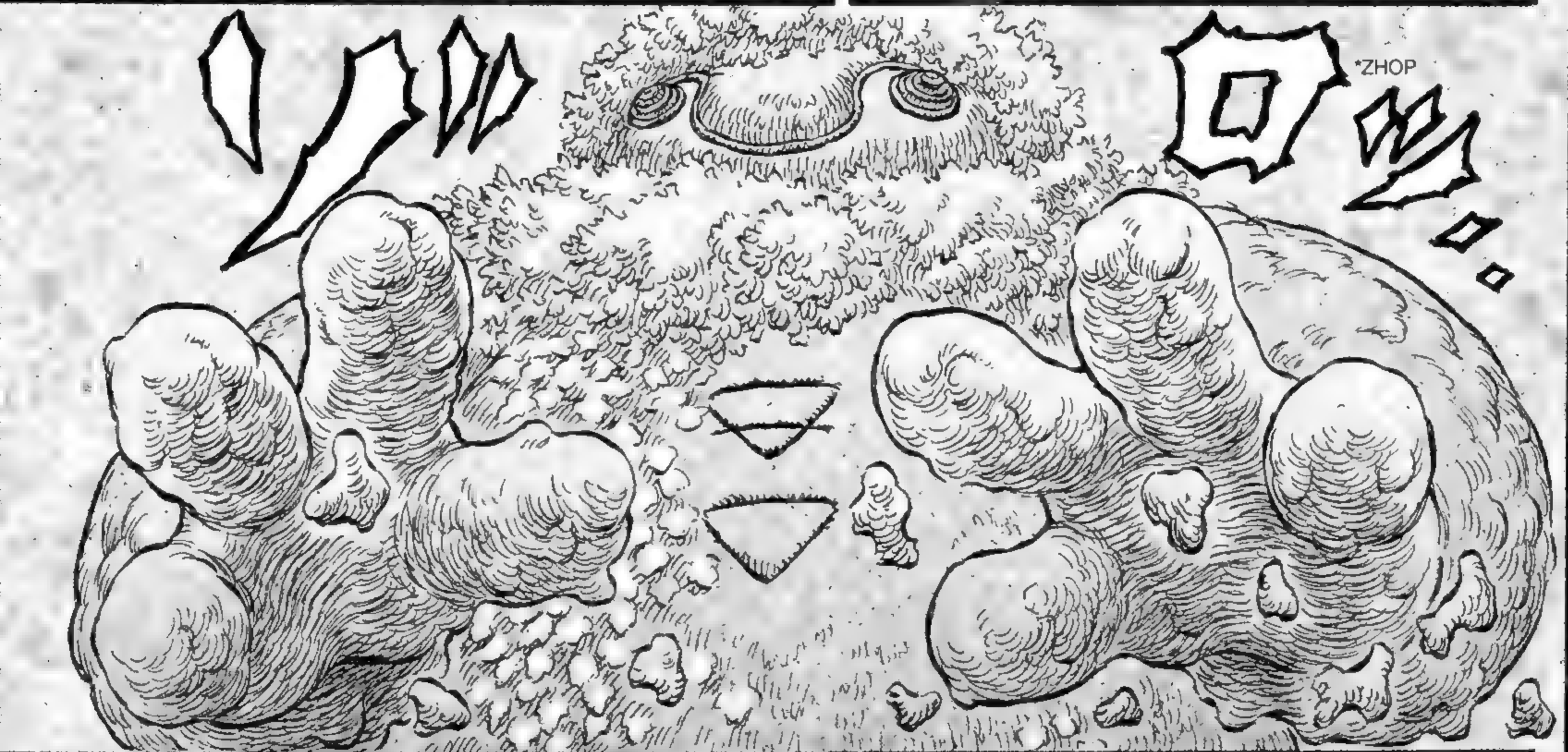




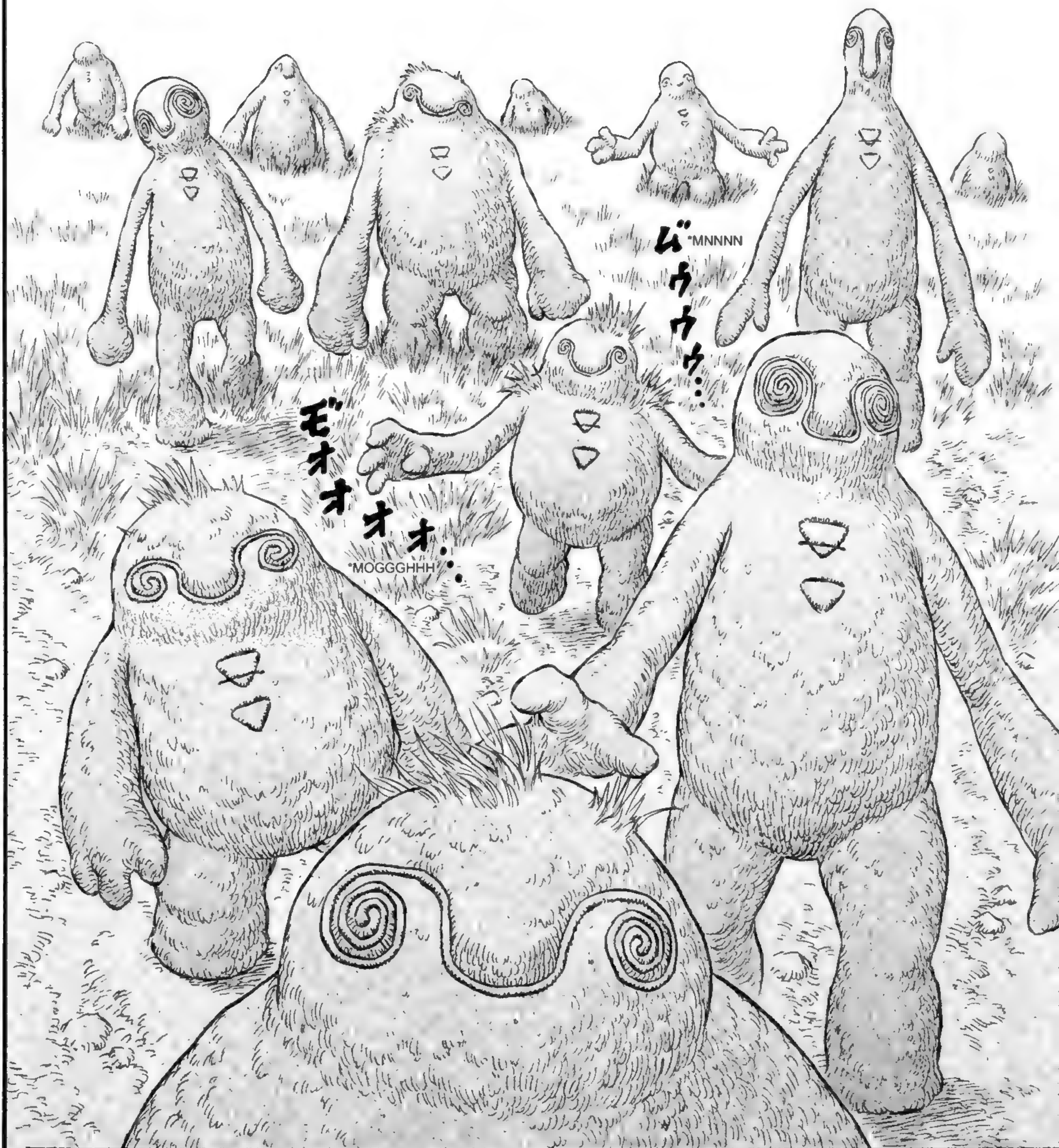


FX: ZMMM

*FX: ZOMMM







ムンムン

ムンムン

モオオオオ

MOGGGHHH



WHO'LL WIN,
DIRTBAG
OR
BAGS-O-DIRT?

SHOULD I
BE SCARED
OR JUST
LAUGH...?

OH,
MY...

PBBT



FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER

MANSION OF THE SPIRIT TREE, PART 2

霊樹の館②

ボオオオオオオ



*HMNNNG

ムウウウウウ

THE HORDES,
THE HORDES,
HERE THEY
COME!

ムウ *BAHHH

アアア



*FX: TOK TOK

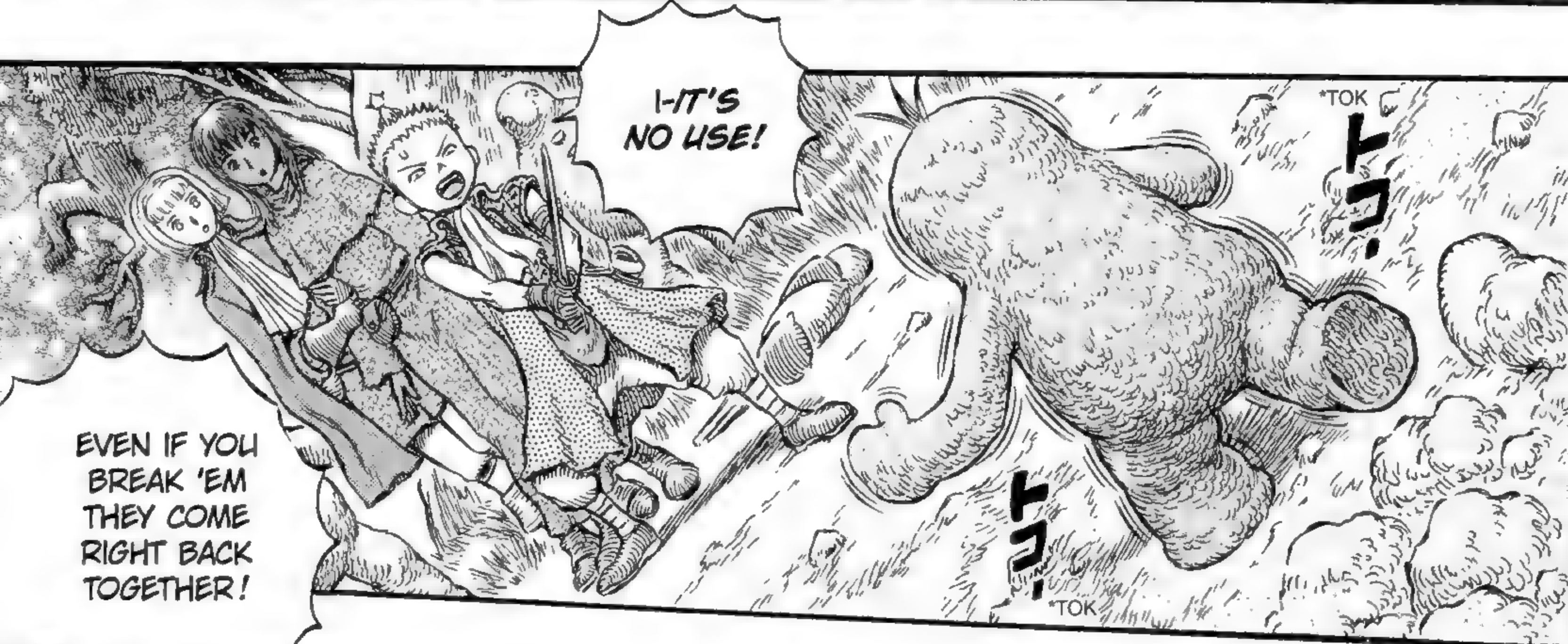
*POINK

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SURE
ENOUGH,
IT'S THEM
AGAIN.

.....



*FX. WHOM



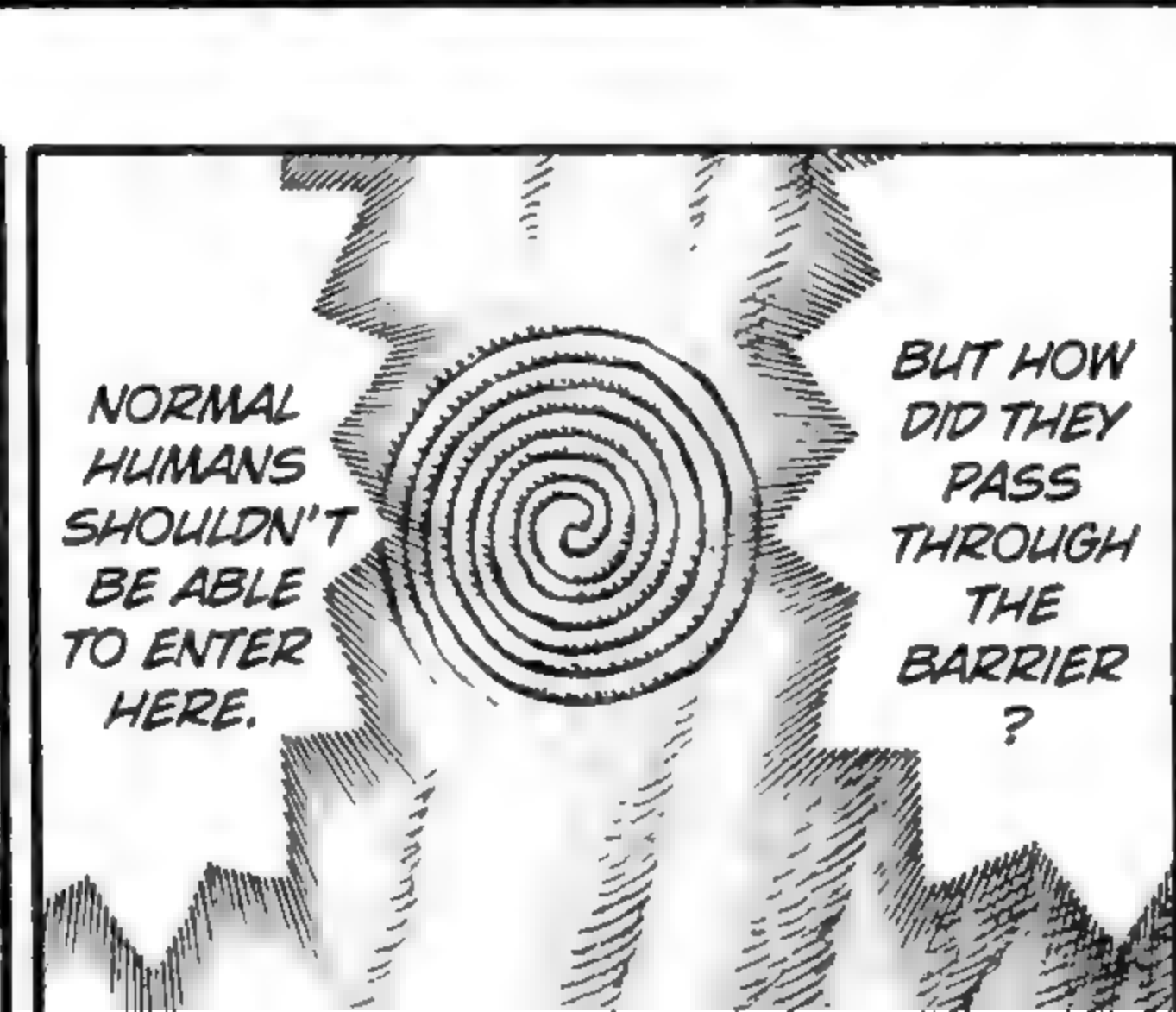
EVENTUALLY
THEY'LL
EITHER RUN
IN FEAR OR
COLLAPSE IN
EXHAUSTION.

OH,
LOOK AT
'EM TRYIN'
HARD.

IT'S
USELESS.
THE
GOLEMS WILL
CONTINUE TO
REGENERATE
EACH TIME
THEY'RE
BROKEN.

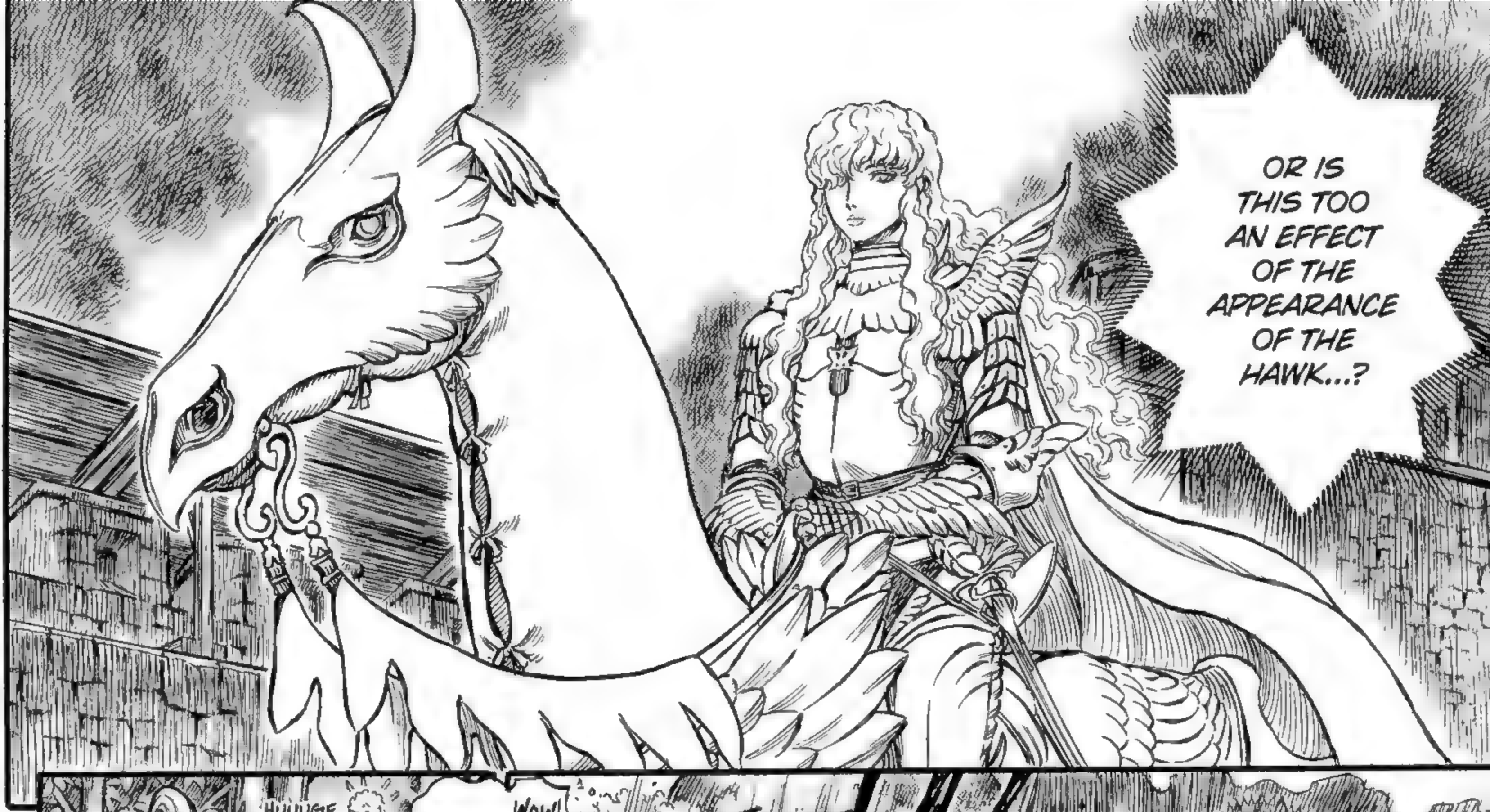


IS THERE
SOME
SECRET
ABOUT
THOSE TWO
AFTER ALL
?!



NORMAL
HUMANS
SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE
TO ENTER
HERE.

BUT HOW
DID THEY
PASS
THROUGH
THE
BARRIER
?



OR IS
THIS TOO
AN EFFECT
OF THE
APPEARANCE
OF THE
HAWK...?

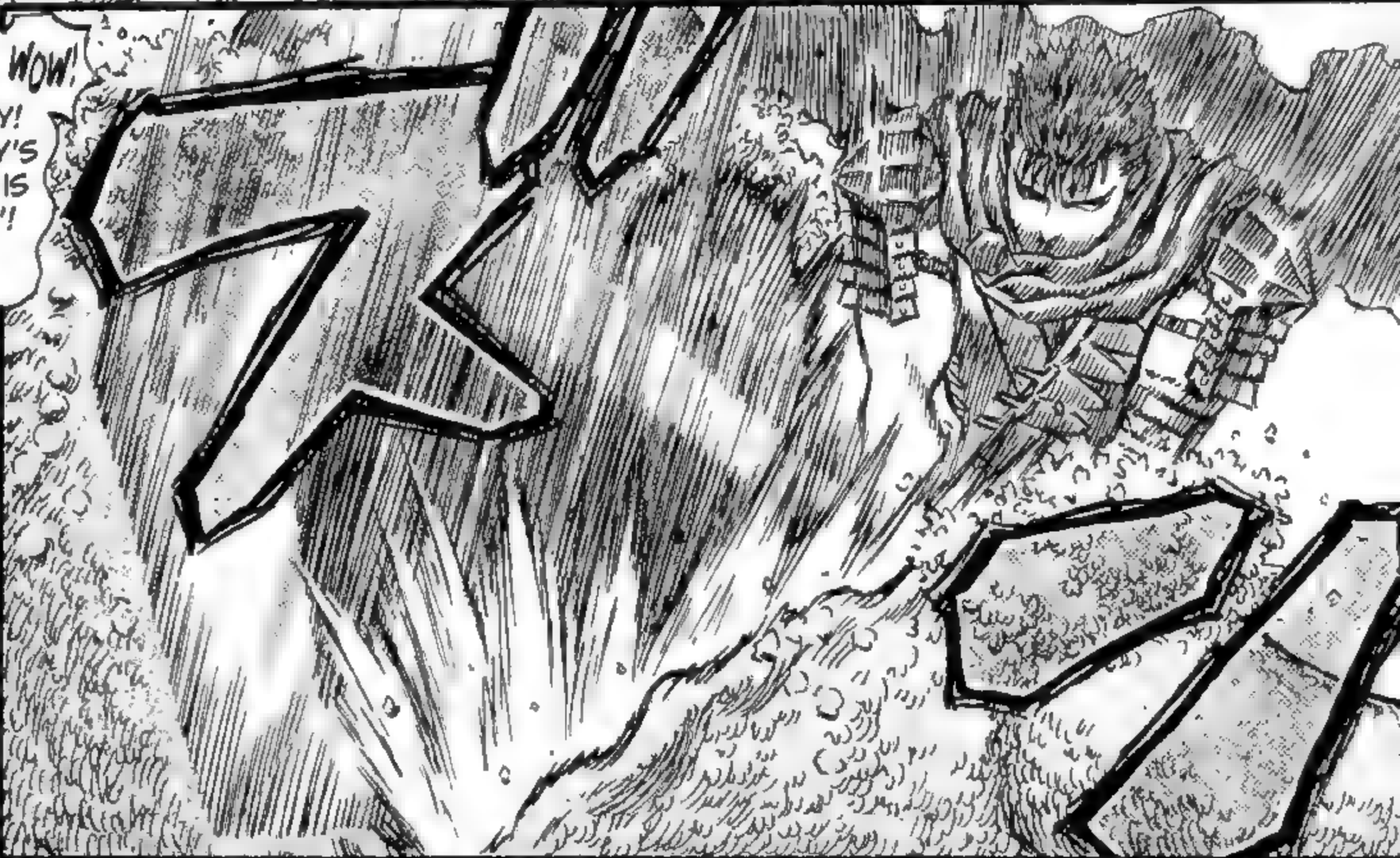


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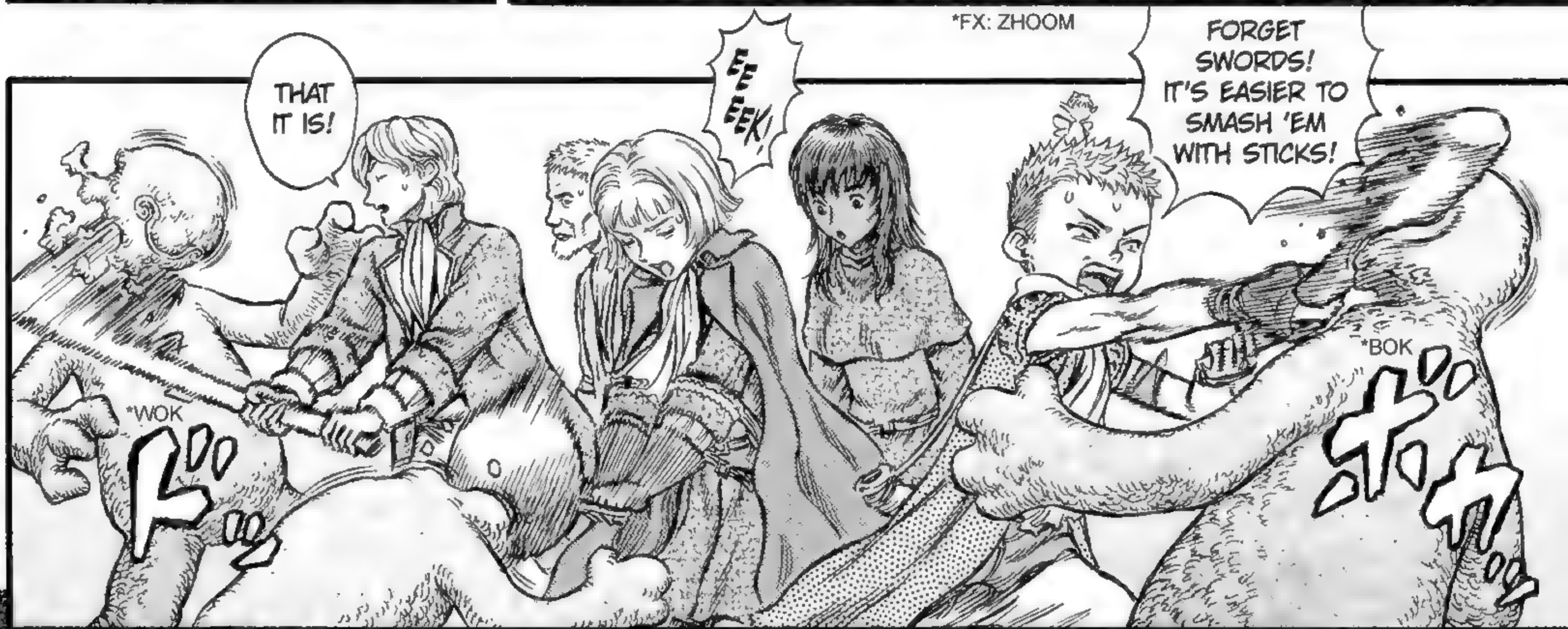
WOW!

HEY, HEY!
THAT GUY'S
SWORD IS
AMAZIN'!

.....



*FX: ZHOOM



THAT
IT IS!

EE
EEK!

FORGET
SWORDS!
IT'S EASIER TO
SMASH 'EM
WITH STICKS!

*WOK

*BOK



BUT
STILL...



...SOMEHOW
THEY SEEM
ACCUSTOMED
TO THIS?

THERE!
AHH...
SO CLOSE!



OH...



THAT
THEY DO.

THEIR
DUMB FACES
MAKE 'EM
LESS
FRIGHT-
ENIN'!

WHEN
YOU THINK
ABOUT IT,
THEY'RE
NOT MUCH
DIFFERENT
THAN THE
USUAL
SPIRITS!



WHAT'S
THAT?!

!

*TWITCH

*TWITCH



REMOVE
THEM AND
THEY CANNOT
REGENERATE!

EVERYONE!
SMALL FIGURES
ARE BURIED IN
THEIR CHESTS
BENEATH THE
SYMBOLS!



COME
GET
SOME
MORE!

IT
DOESN'T
REGENER-
ATE?!

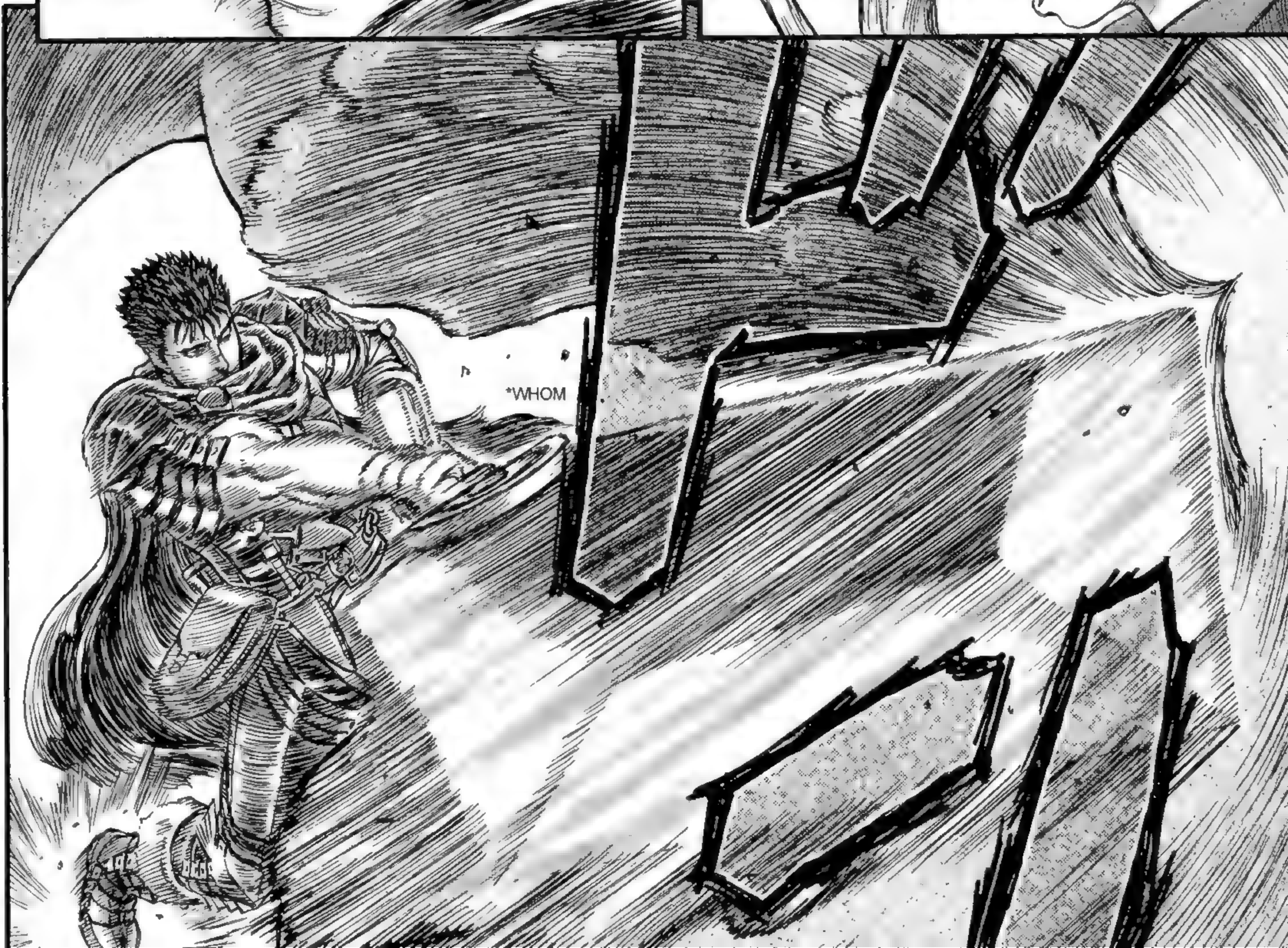


NOW
THAT I
KNOW
THAT...

YOU
DON'T
SAY.



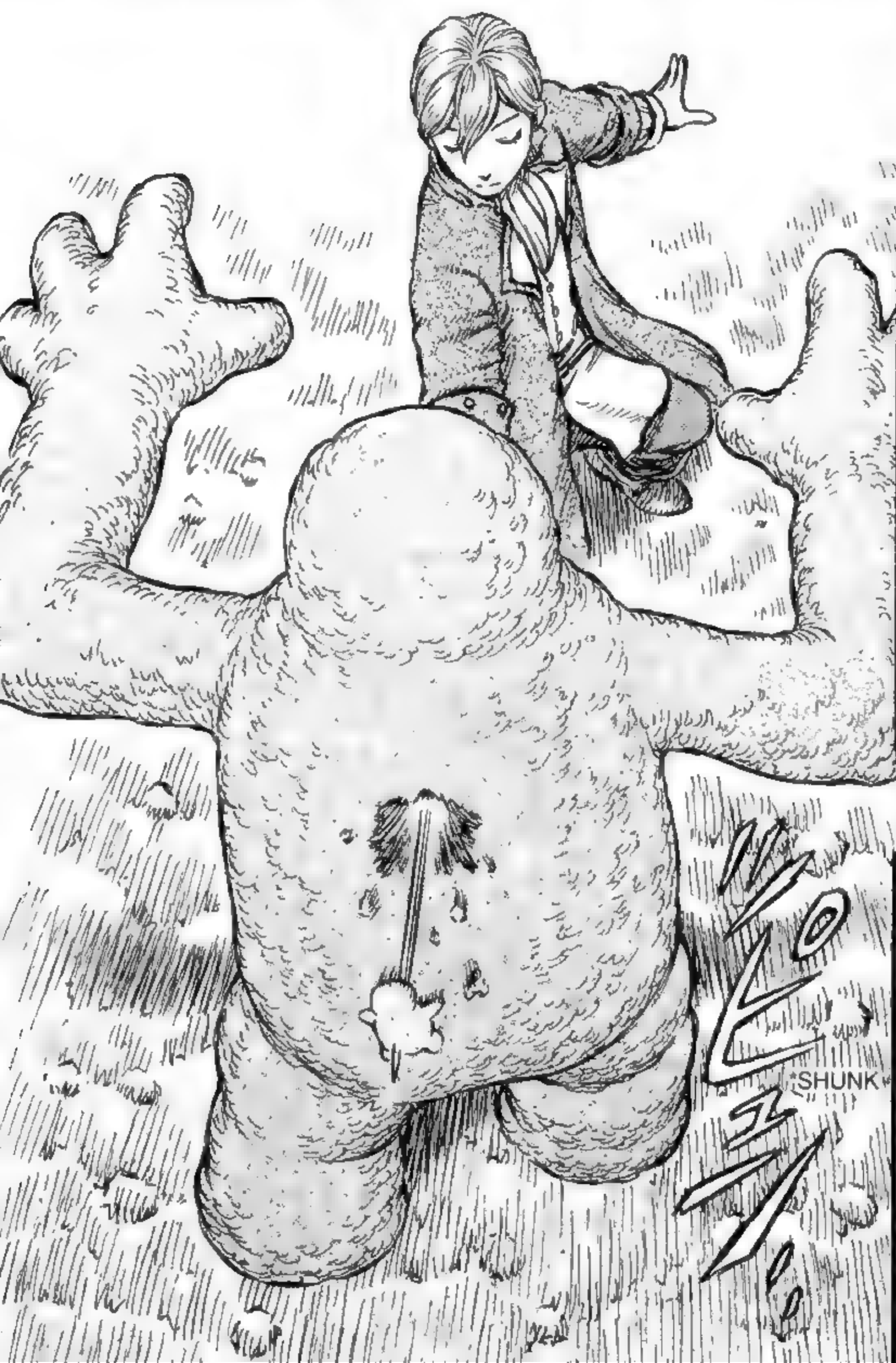
OOPS,
THE
GAME'S
UP.



*WHOM

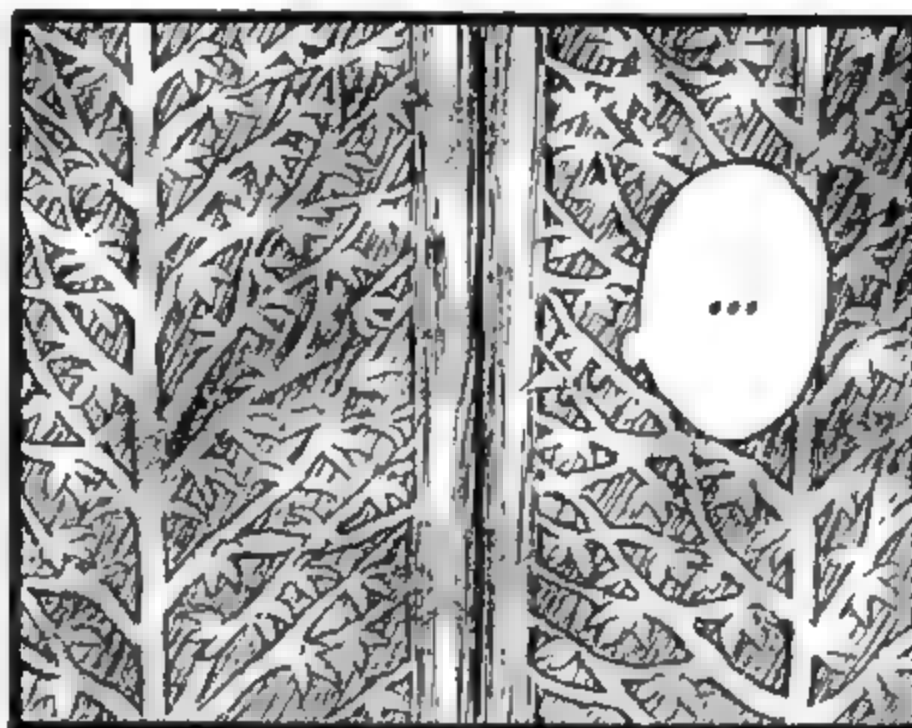
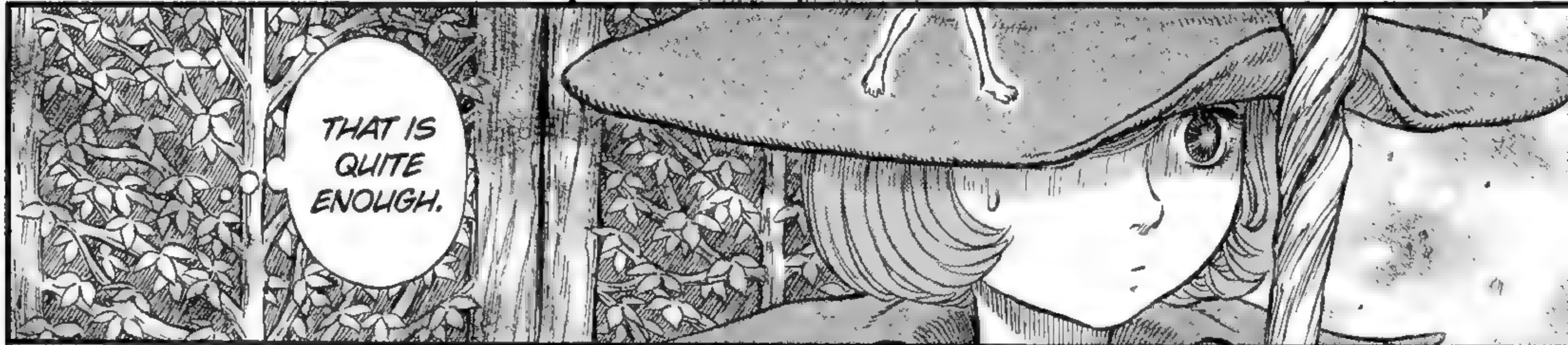


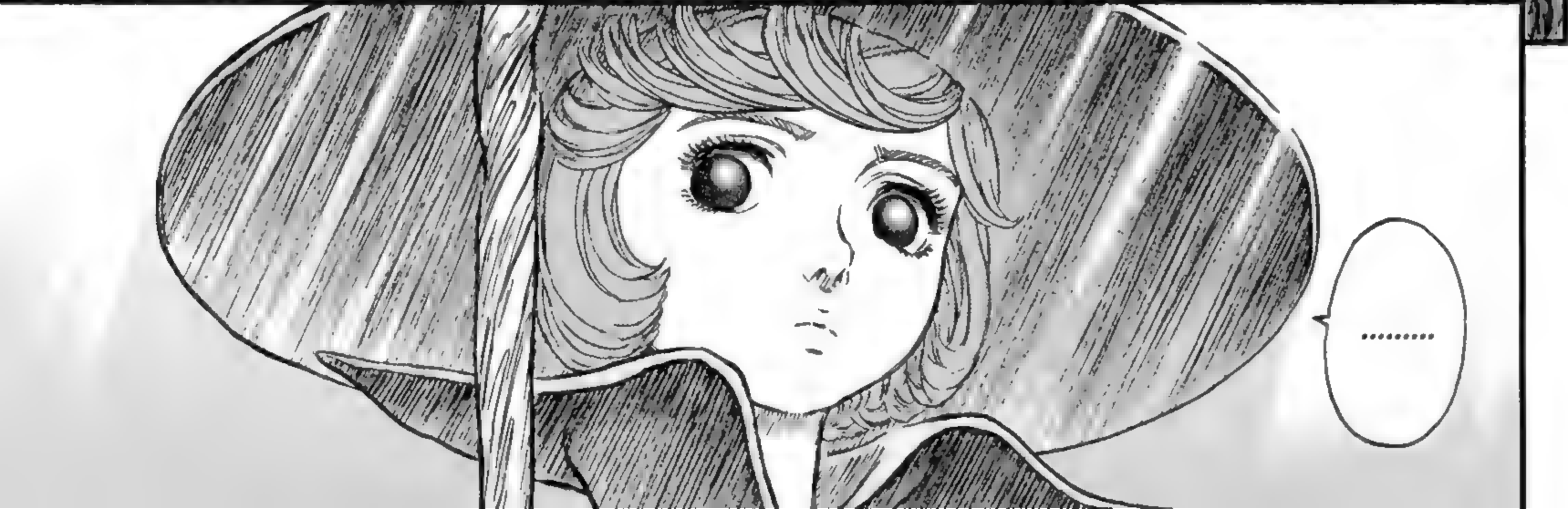
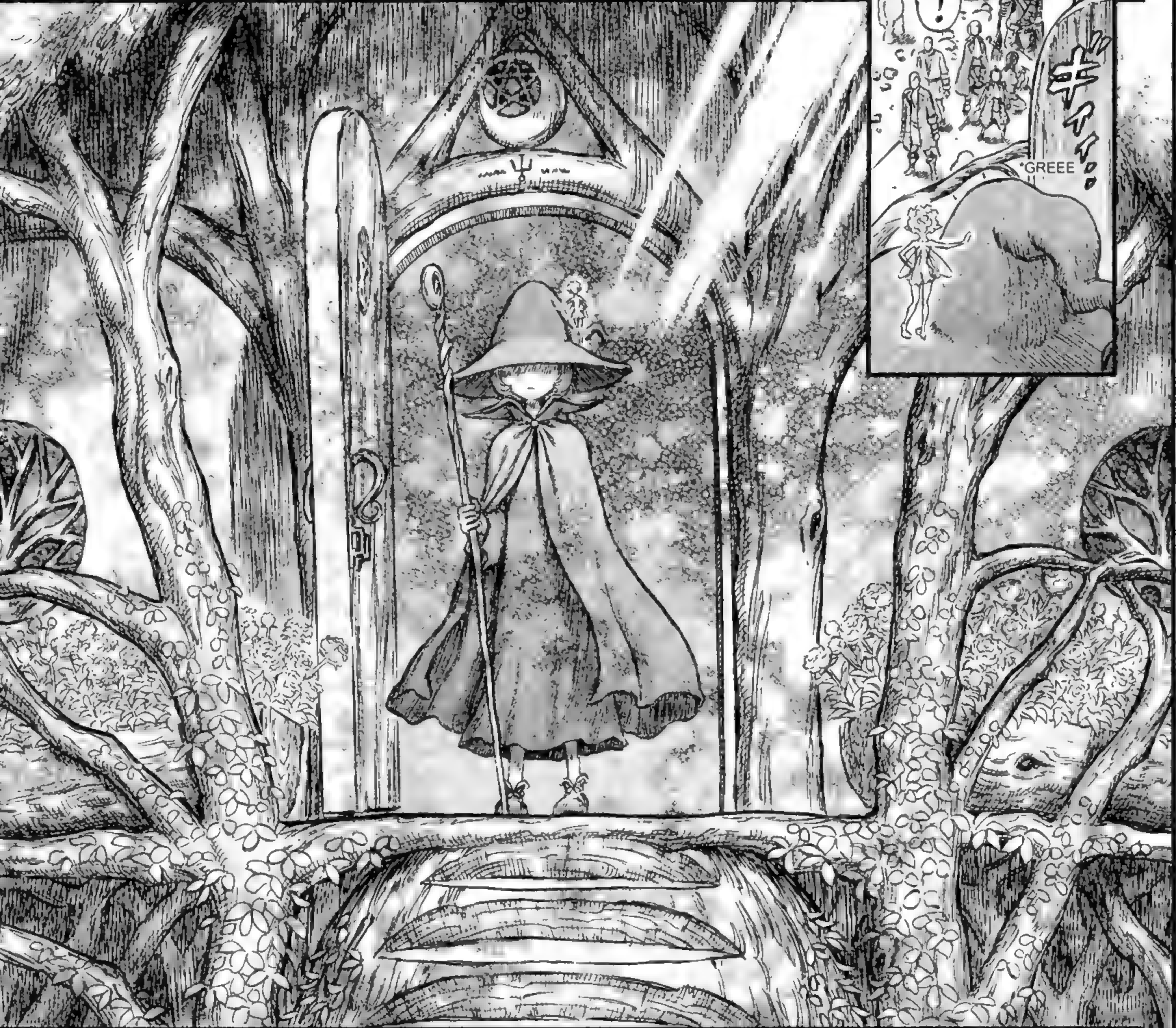
*FX: GASH

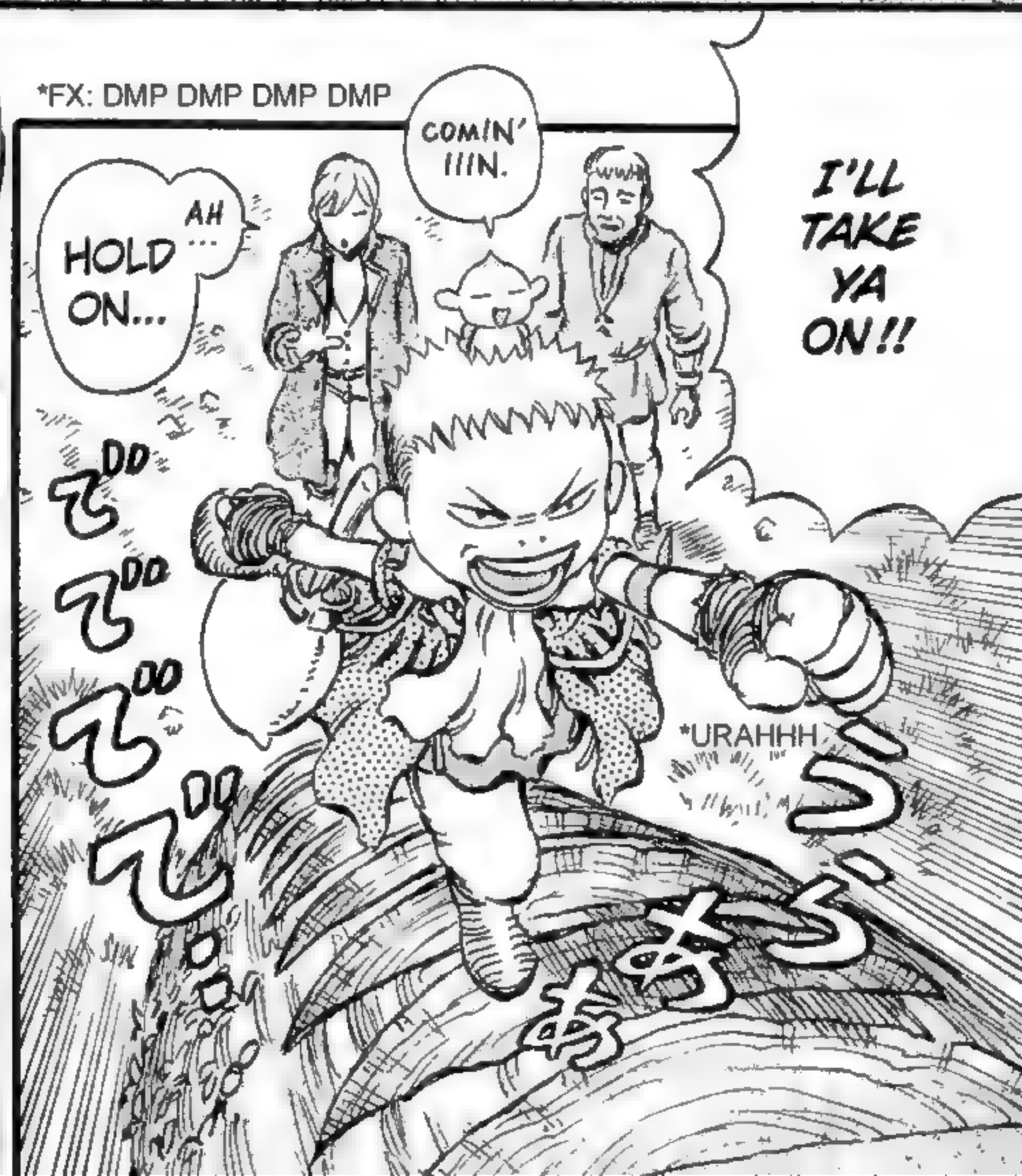
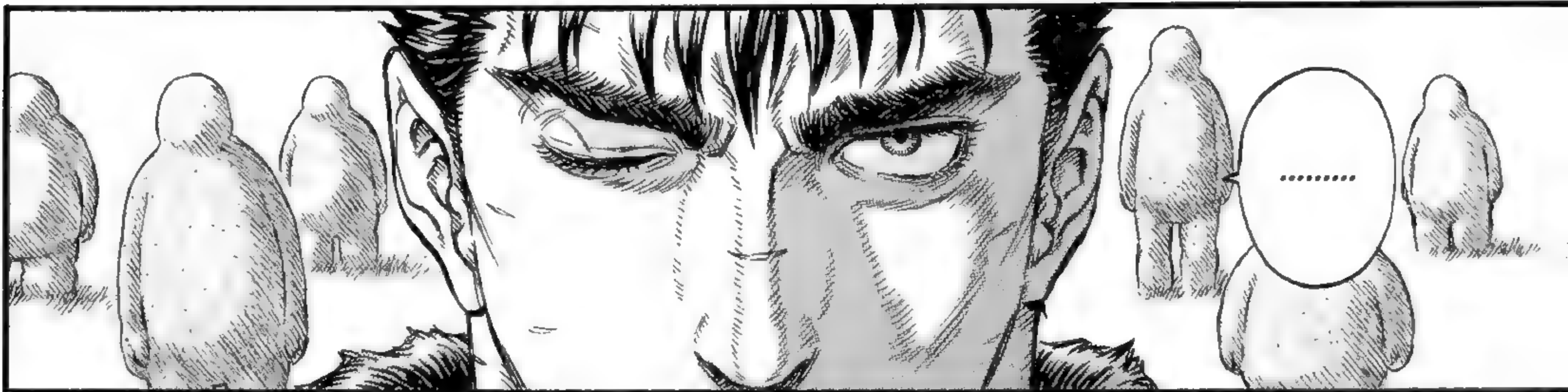


*FX: WHOP

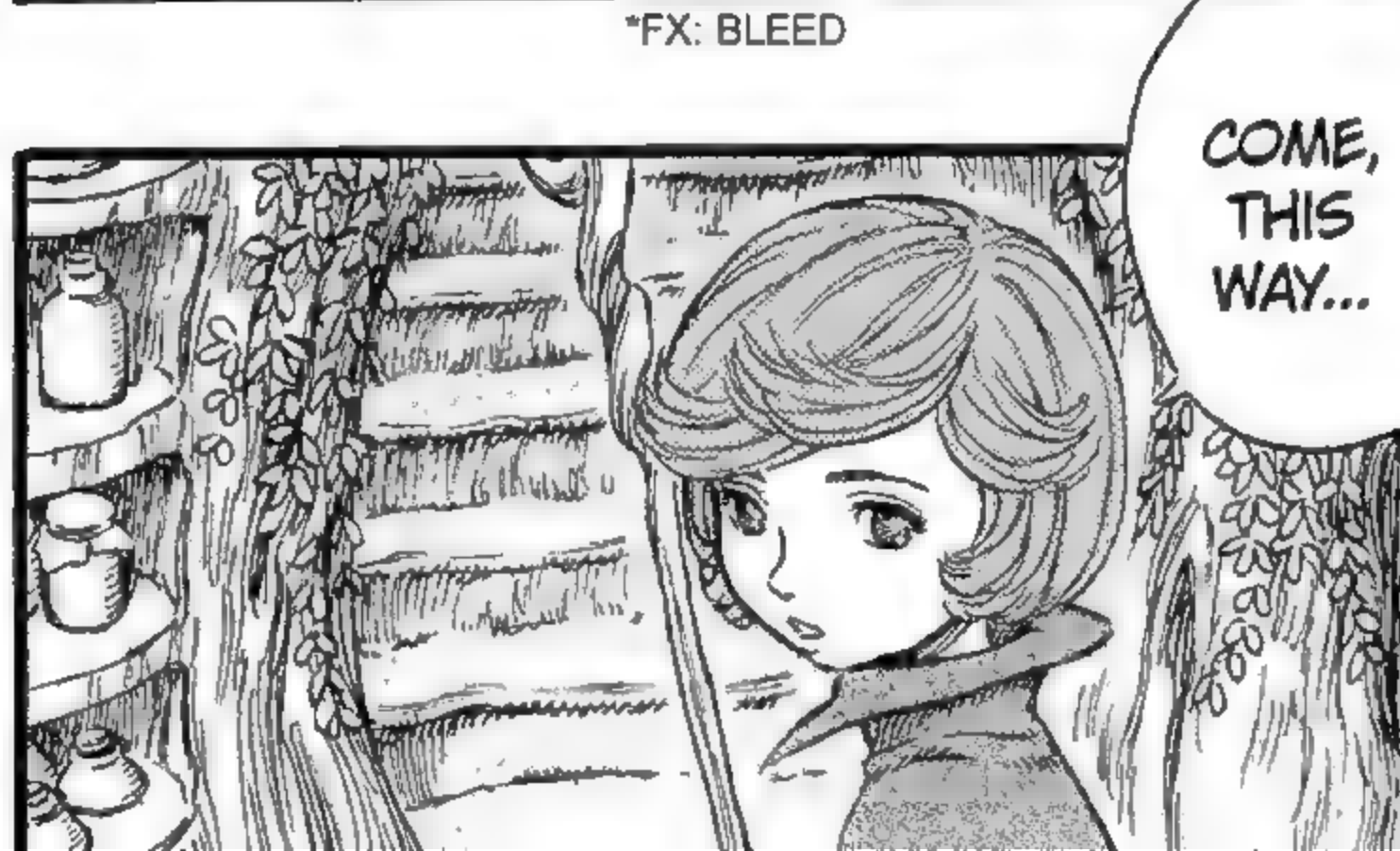
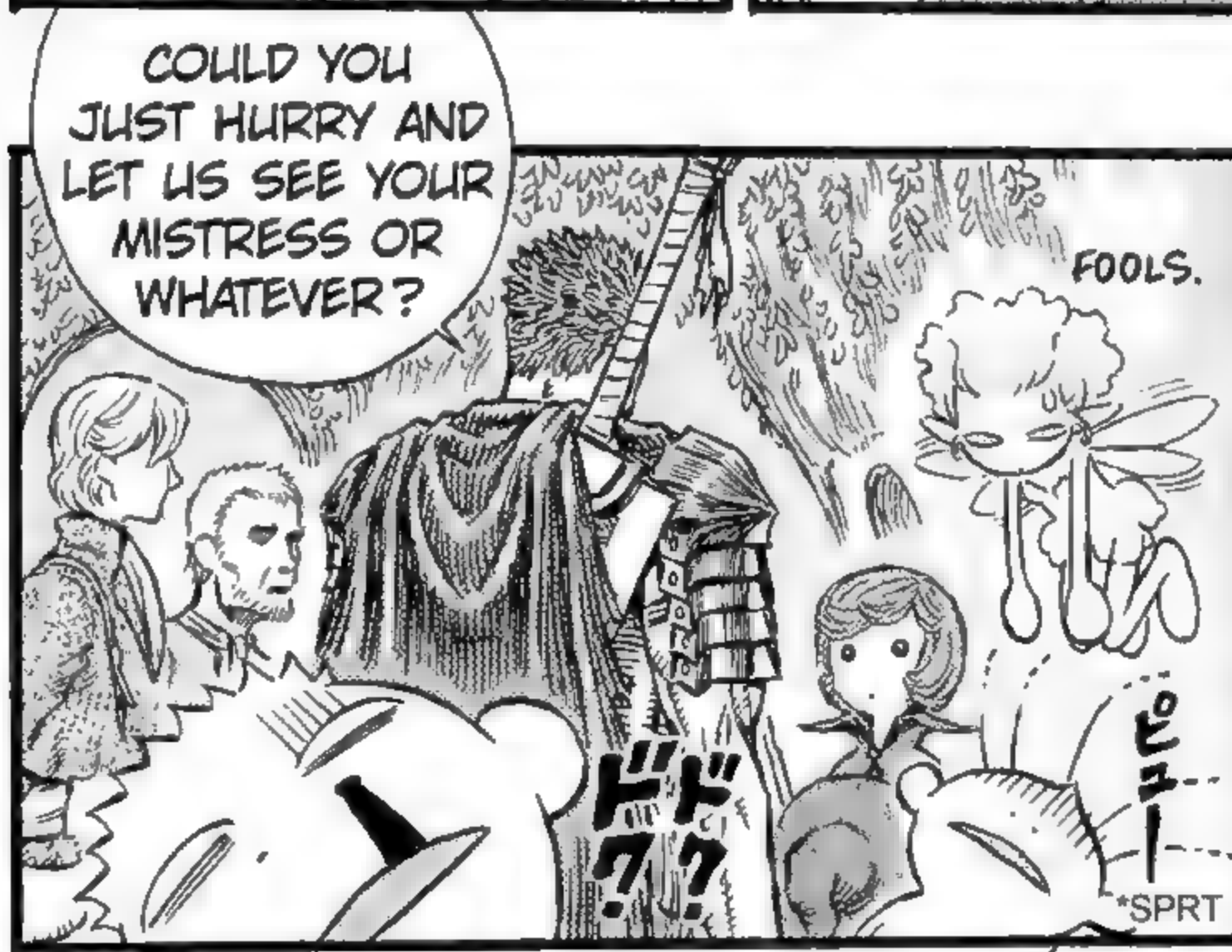
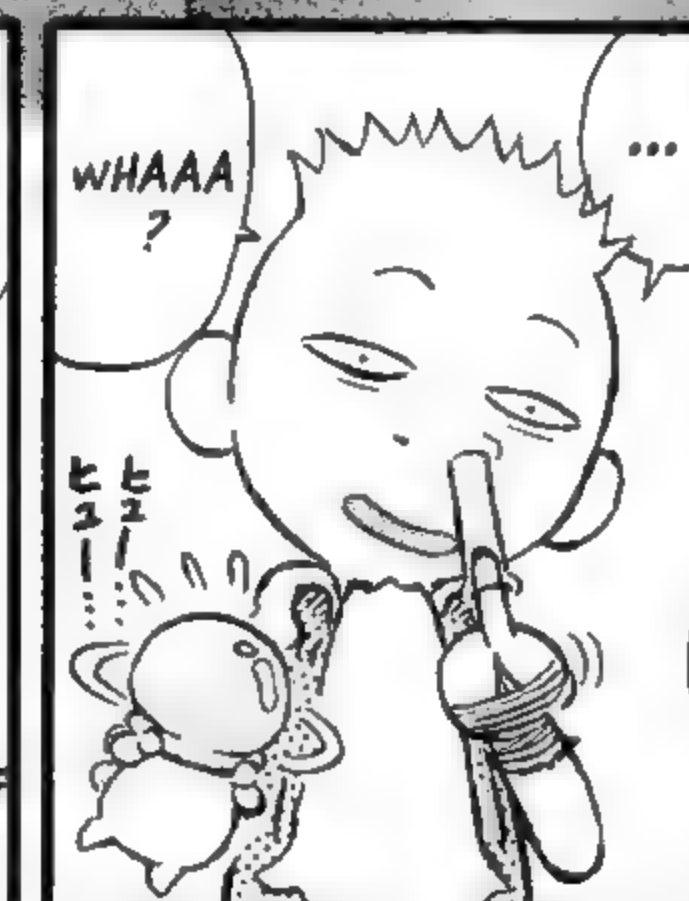


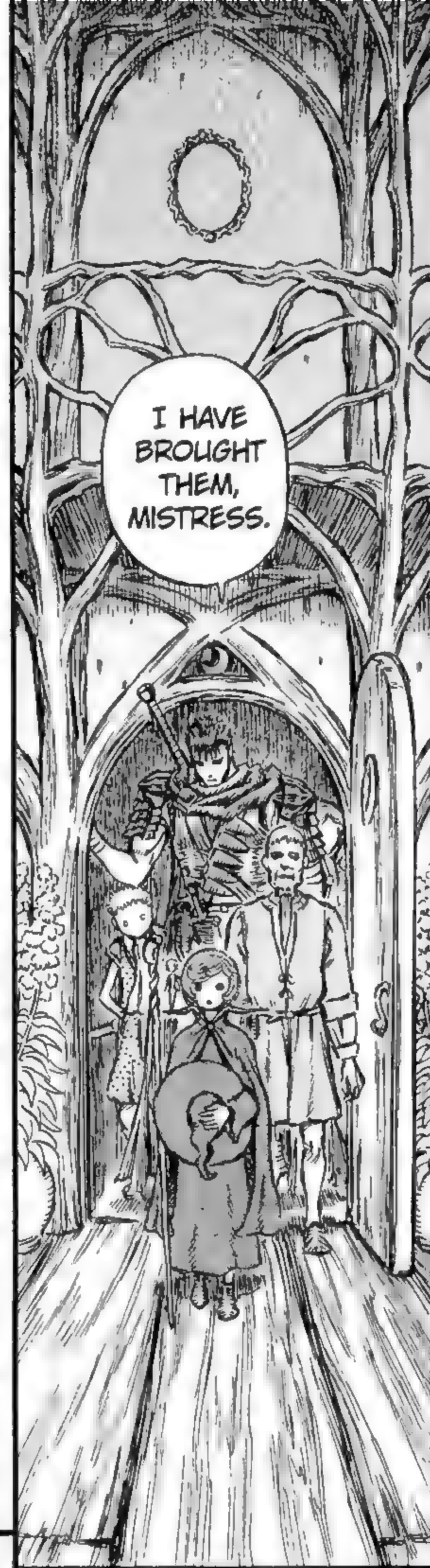


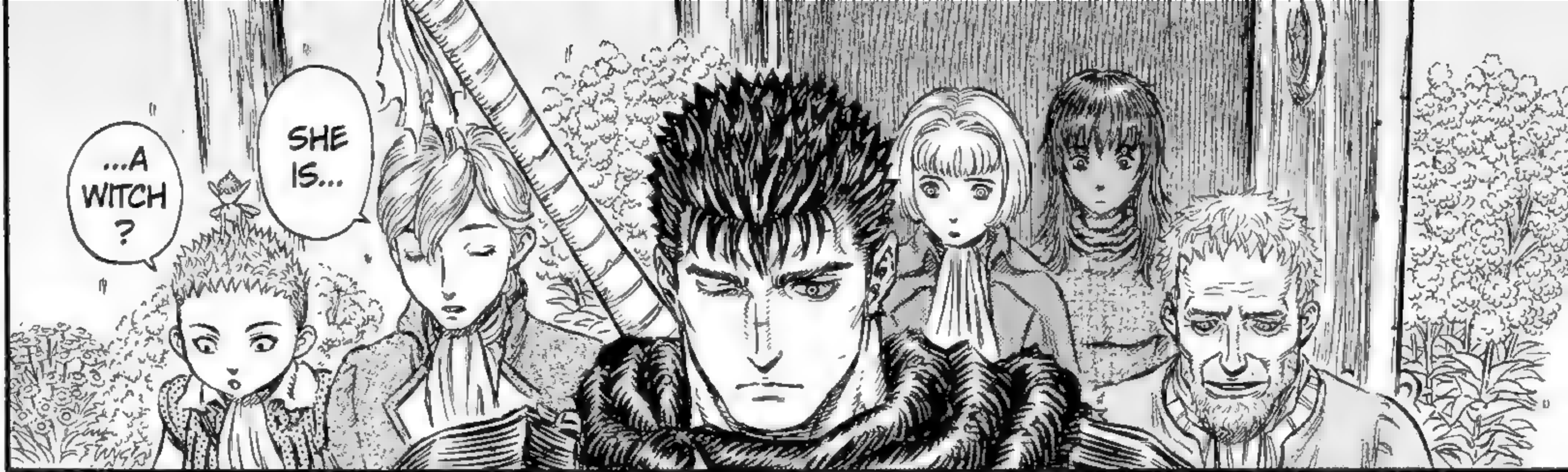










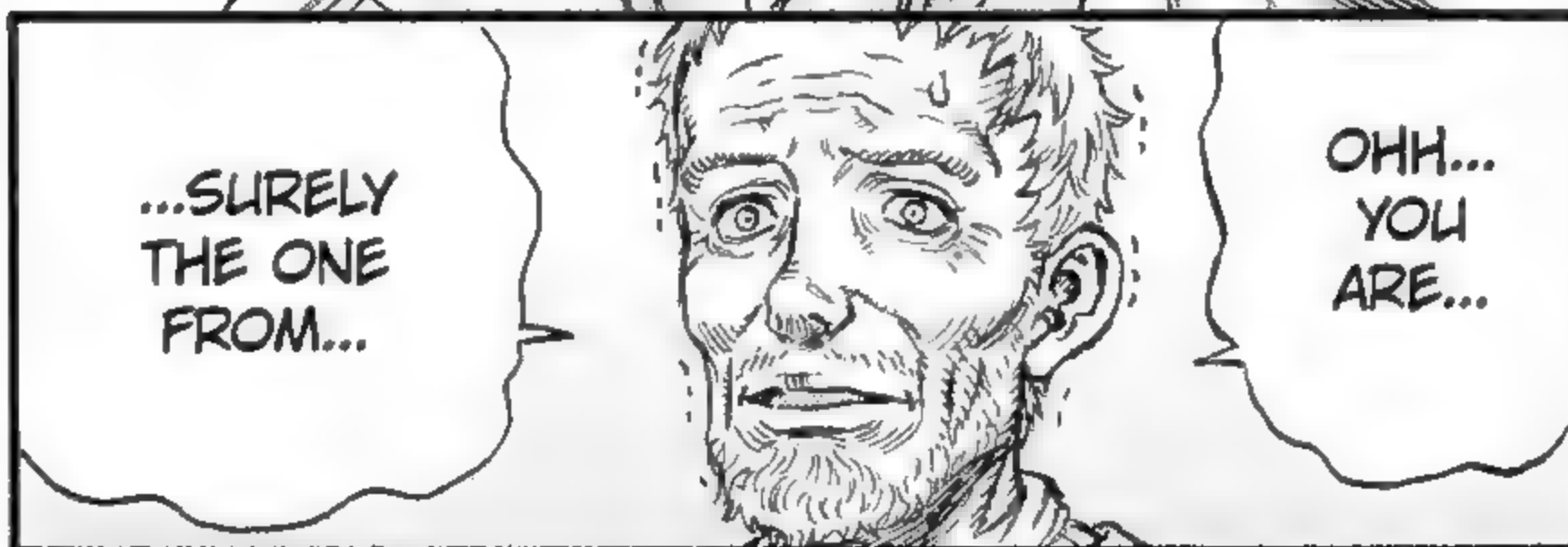


...A
WITCH?

SHE
IS...

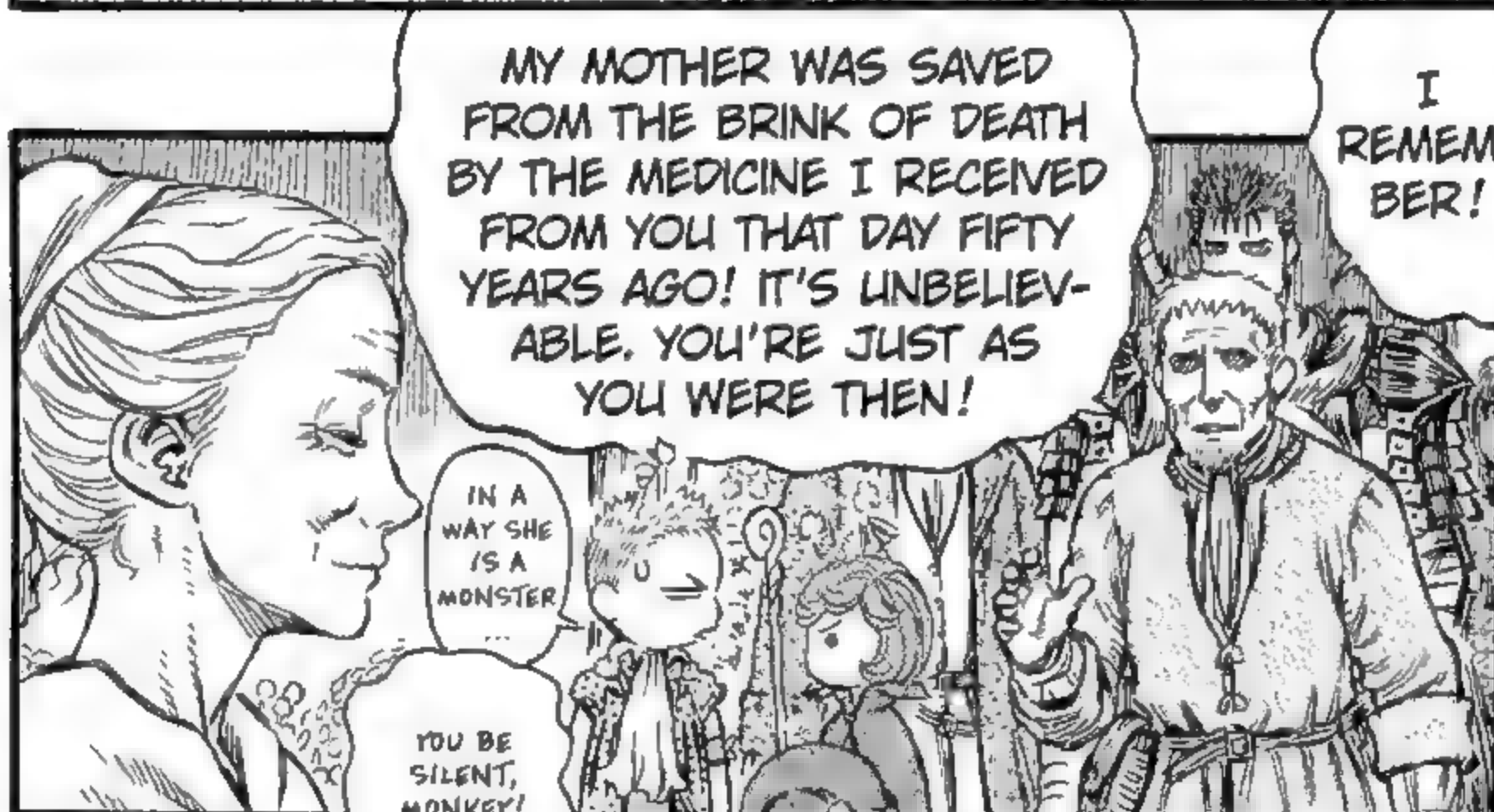
I AM
FLORA, THE
MISTRESS
OF THIS
MANSION.

PLEASE
FORGIVE MY
APPRENTICE
FOR BEING
IMPOLITE.
SHE IS
MERELY
CONCERNED
FOR MY
SAFETY...



...SURELY
THE ONE
FROM...

OHH...
YOU
ARE...

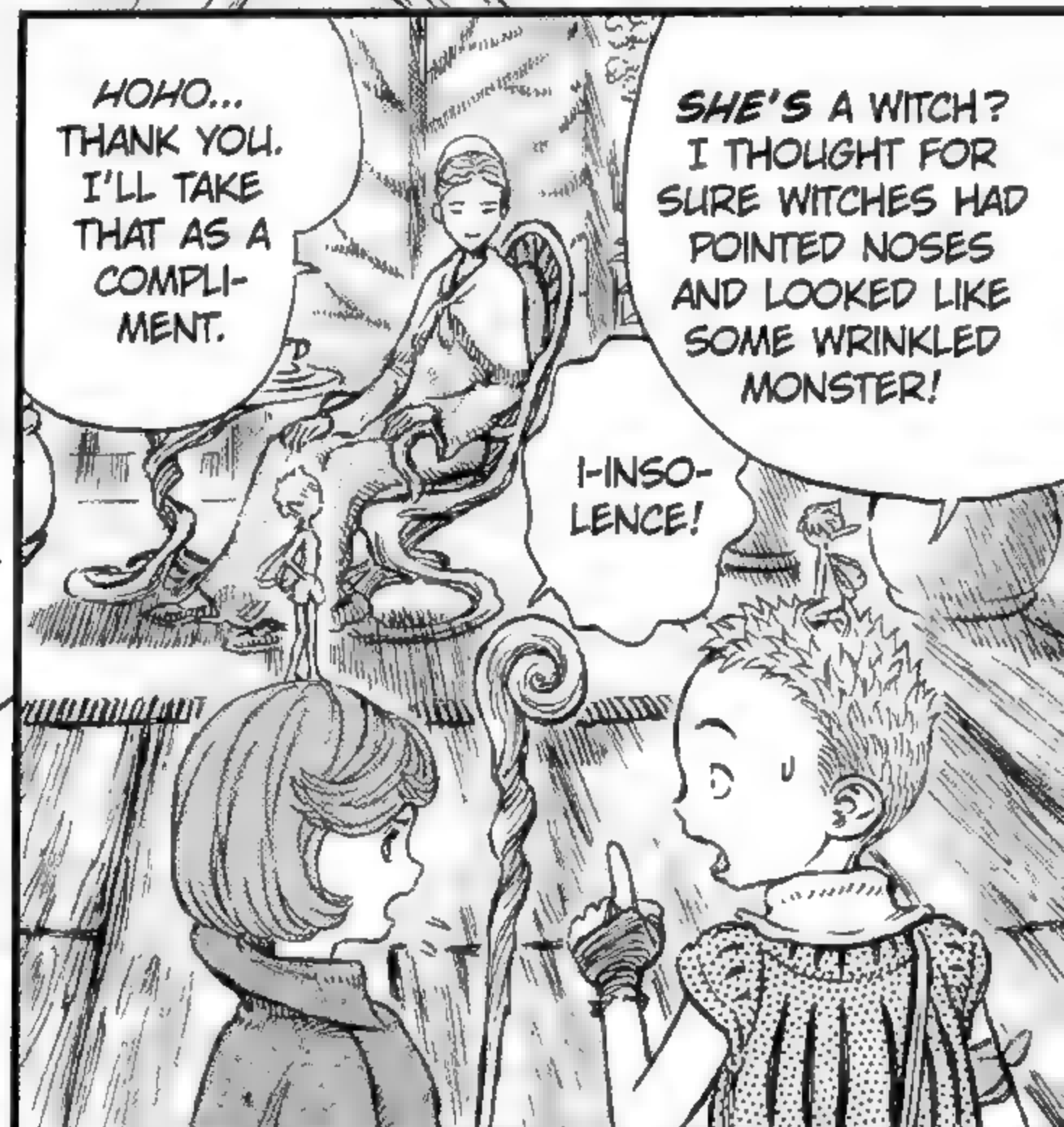


MY MOTHER WAS SAVED
FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH
BY THE MEDICINE I RECEIVED
FROM YOU THAT DAY FIFTY
YEARS AGO! IT'S UNBELIEV-
ABLE. YOU'RE JUST AS
YOU WERE THEN!

I REMEM-
BER!

IN A
WAY SHE
IS A
MONSTER

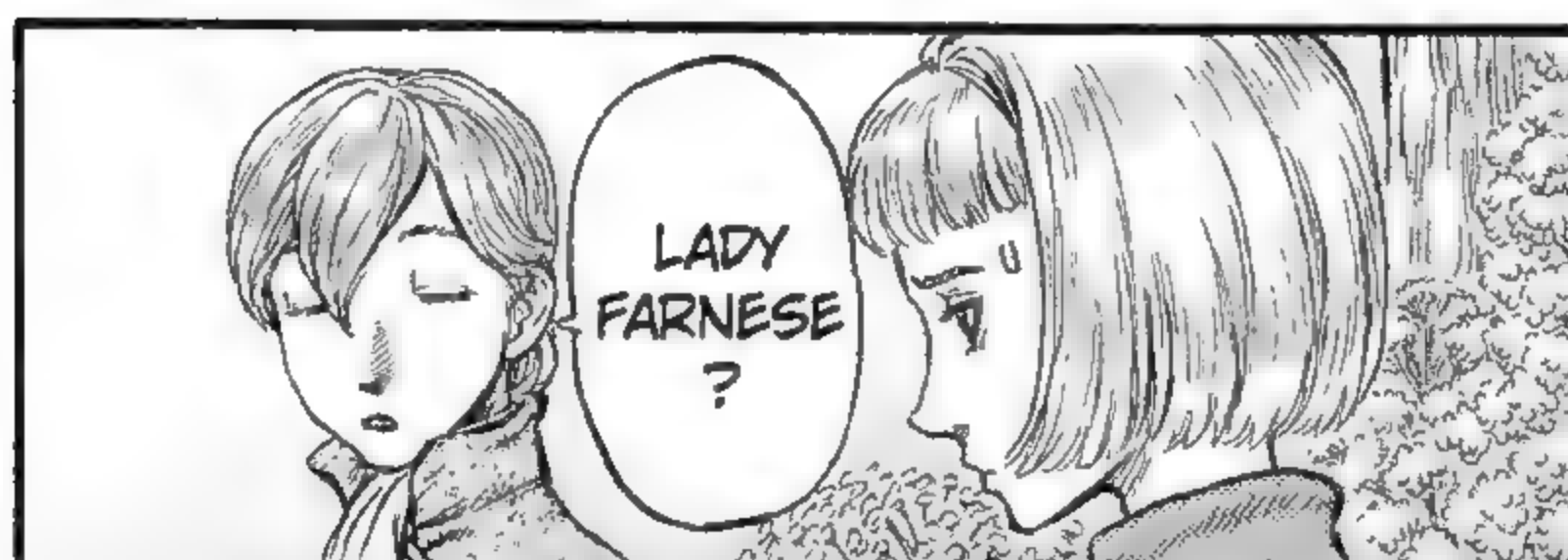
YOU BE
SILENT,
MONKEY!



HOHO...
THANK YOU.
I'LL TAKE
THAT AS A
COMPLI-
MENT.

SHE'S A WITCH?
I THOUGHT FOR
SURE WITCHES HAD
POINTED NOSES
AND LOOKED LIKE
SOME WRINKLED
MONSTER!

I-INSO-
LENCE!



LADY
FARNESE?

YOU
WERE
THAT
BOY.

I TOO
REMEM-
BER.



...YOU
NEEDN'T
BE SO
FRIGHT-
ENED.

YOUNG
LADY...

HOW
NOSTAL-
GIC.

HOW'D
SHE...?!

MY FOLK
WERE NOT
AMONG THOSE
WHOSE LIVES
YOU TOOK.

EVEN IF
THEY WERE,
THE FAULT WOULD
COLLECTIVELY
LIE UPON THE
SERVANTS OF
YOUR DEITY.

I DO NOT SEEK
RETRIBUTION
FROM YOU AS
AN INDIVIDUAL.

THE
BRANDED
PAIR.

AND
YOU...

HOW DID
YOU...?



IT PLEASES
ME TO
MAKE YOUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.



I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR YOU.



...YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
US?

THEN...

YOU'VE
BEEN
WAITING
?

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER
THE ASTRAL WORLD

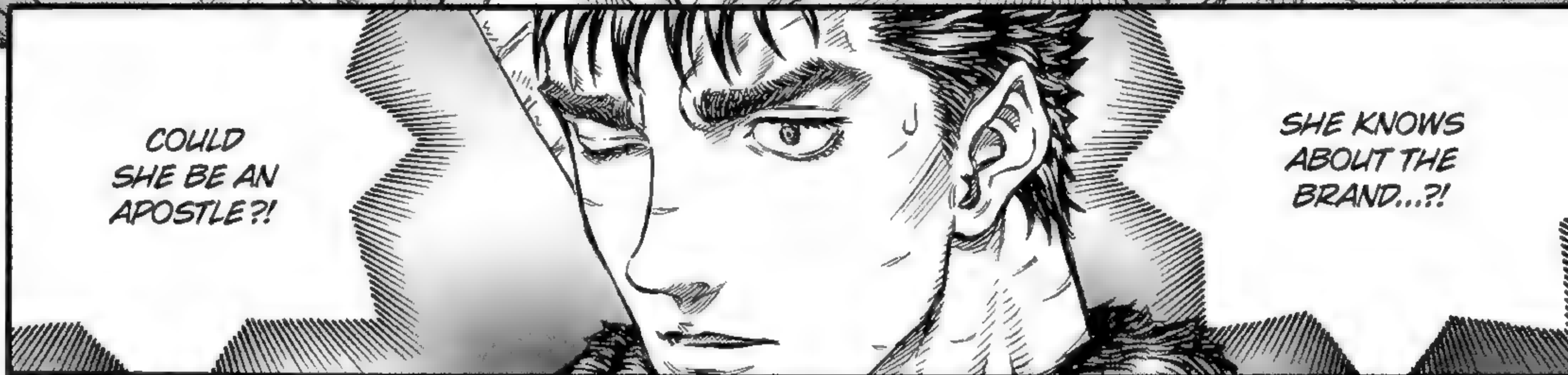
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幽 界



I HAVE
AWAITED
YOU.

YES.

THEY OF
THE BRAND,
GLIDED
BY TINY
WINGS.



COULD
SHE BE AN
APOSTLE?!

SHE KNOWS
ABOUT THE
BRAND...?!



...THIS
FEELING...

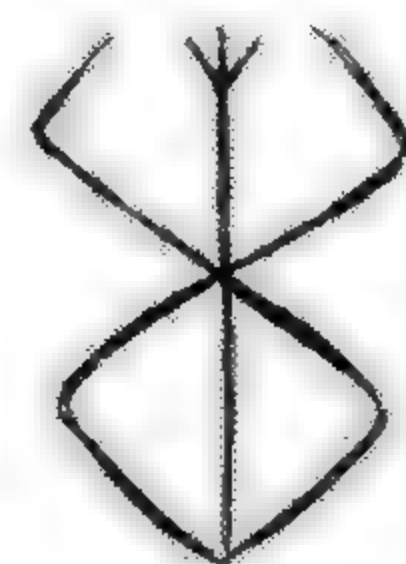
NO...
BUT...



THEY
OF THE
BRAND
...?

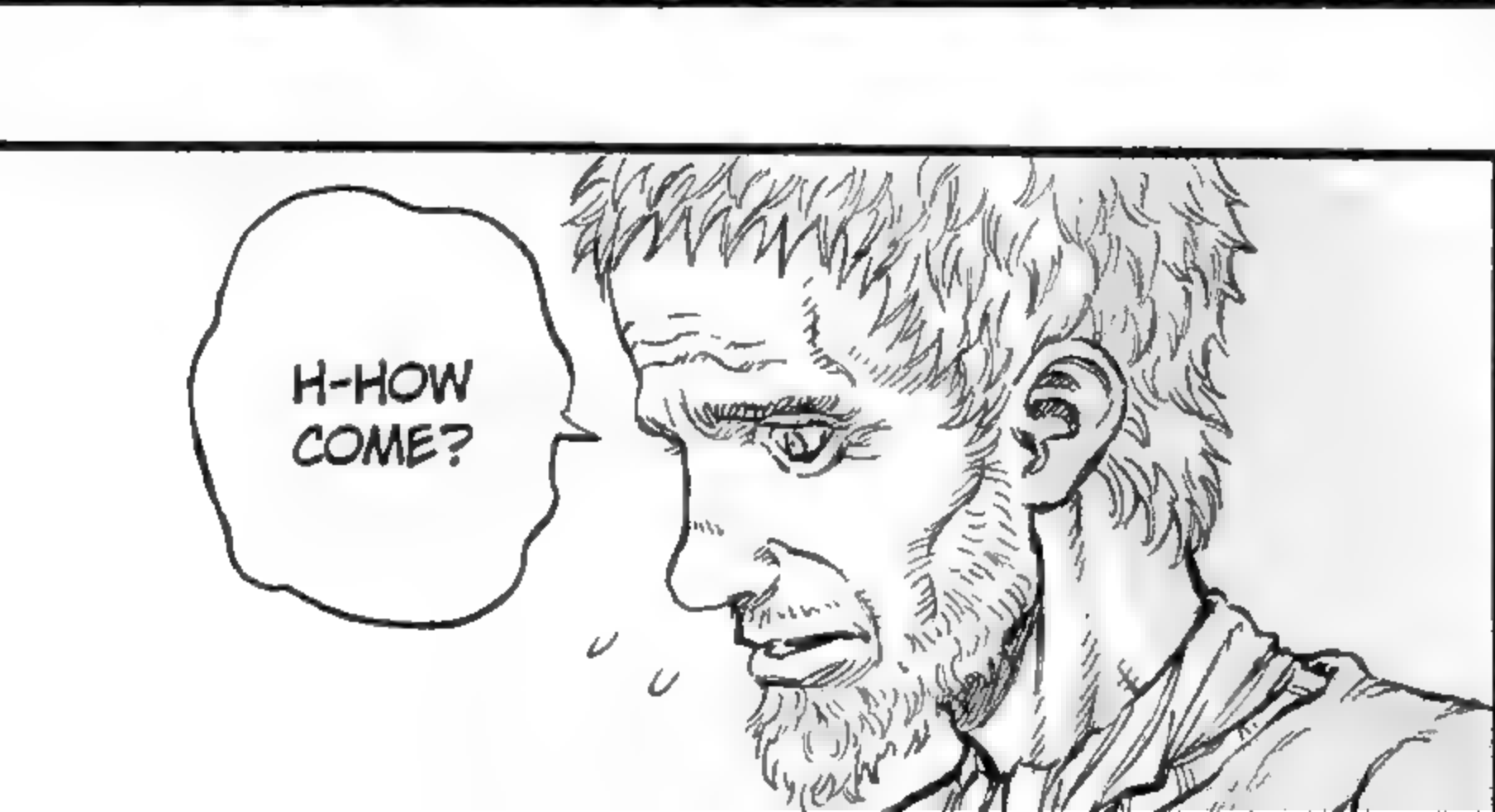
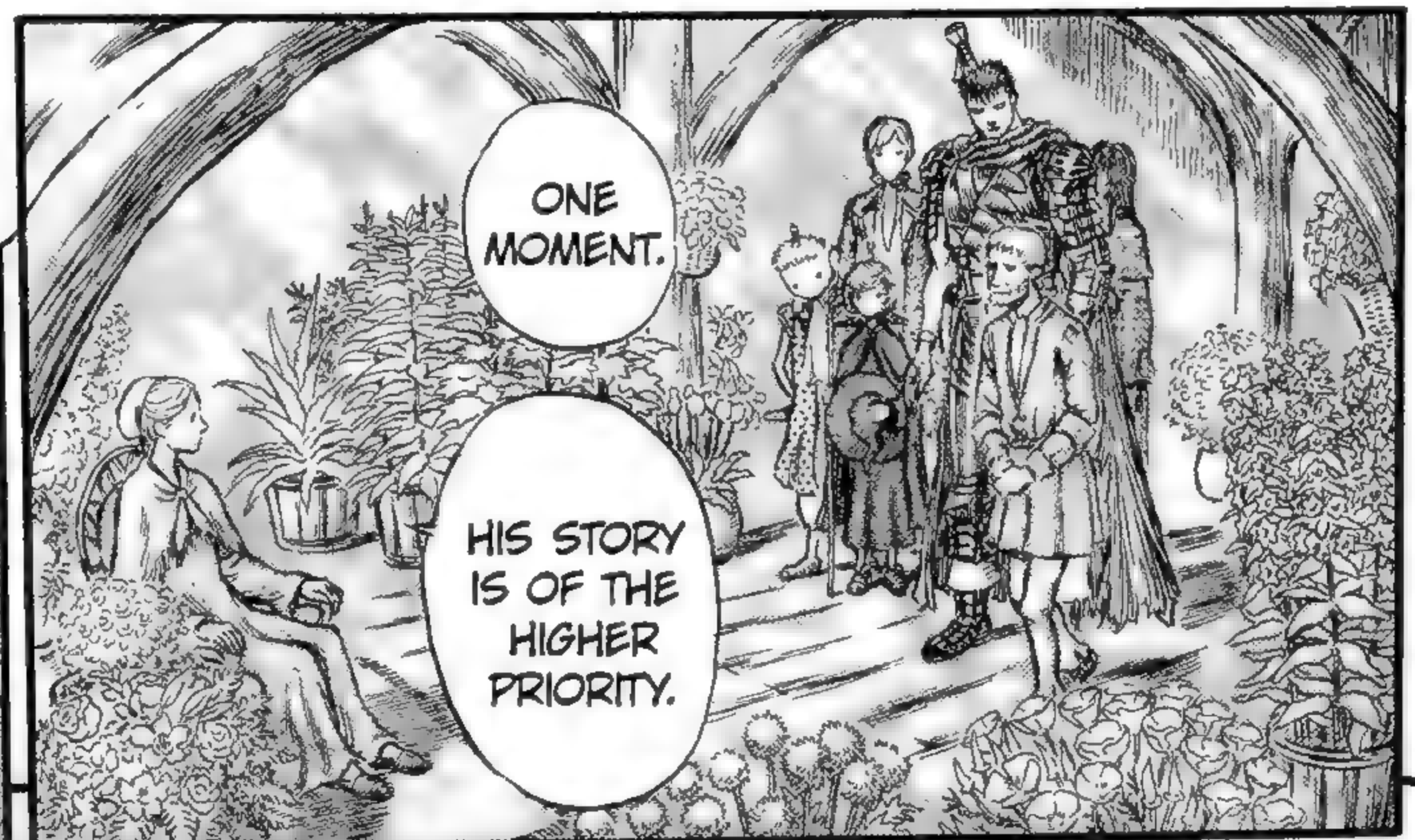


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IT ACHES
FAINTLY...

...BUT...
SOMETHING'S
DIFFERENT...





...NEITHER
THE
STRENGTH
...

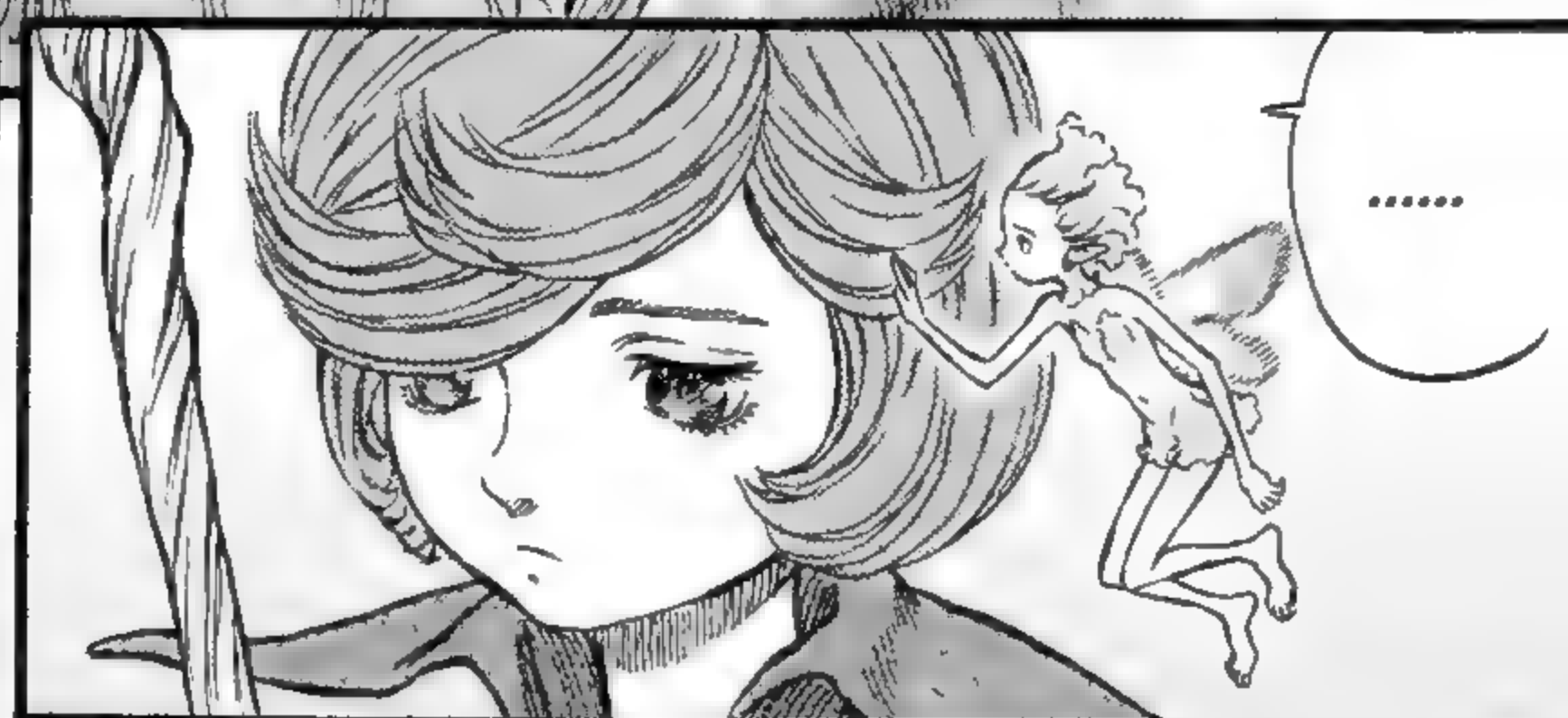
THIS
OLD BODY
HAS...

...NOR THE
TIME LEFT
TO LEAVE
THIS
PLACE.



WH-
WHAT
?
IF LOOKS
COULD
KILL...

YOU'RE
A BIT
INSEN-
SITIVE!

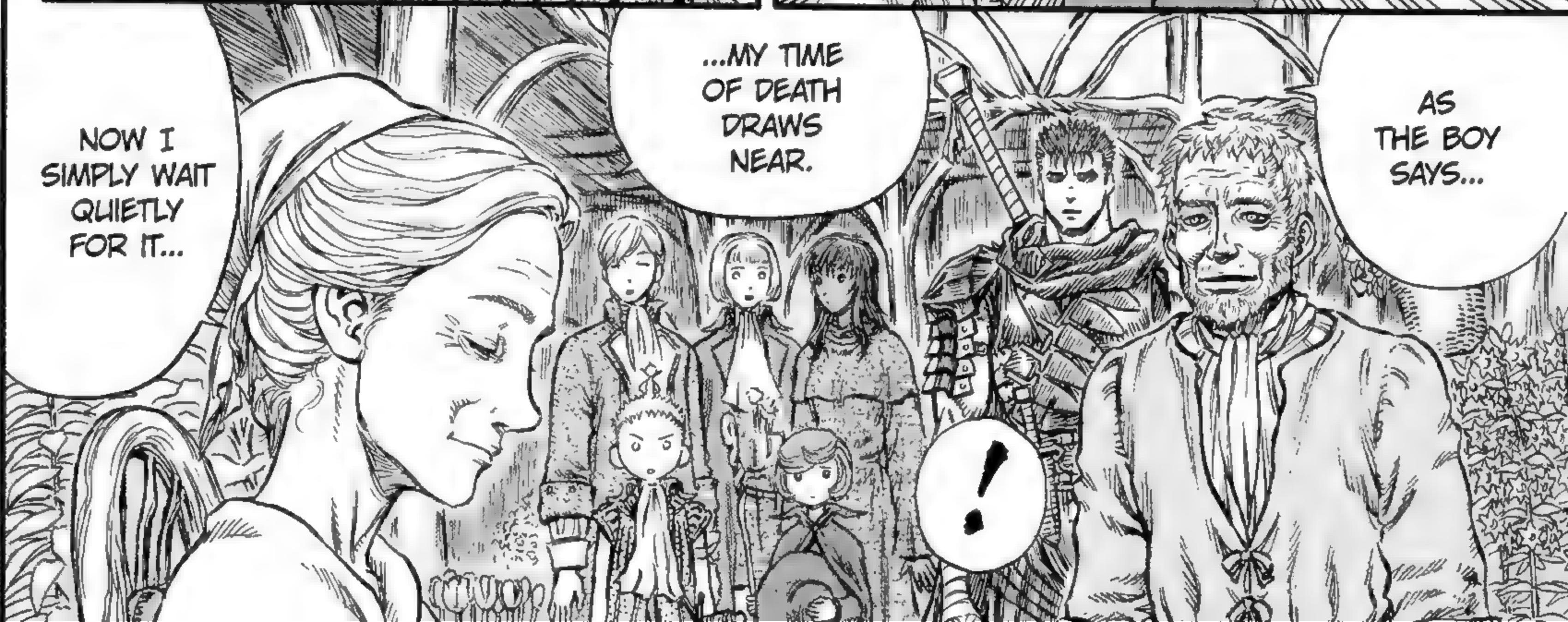


.....

*FX: GLARE



THE WAY
YOU TALK,
IT SOUNDS
LIKE YOU'RE
GONNA DIE.



...MY TIME
OF DEATH
DRAWS
NEAR.

NOW I
SIMPLY WAIT
QUIETLY
FOR IT...

AS
THE BOY
SAYS...





COULD I ASK
ALL OF YOU,
PLEASE, TO ASSIST
MY DISCIPLE?

!

I THINK
I MIGHT BE
OF SOME
USE TO
YOU AS
WELL.

NATURALLY,
I DO NOT
ASK YOUR
HELP FOR
FREE.

I
UNDERSTAND
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR
FAVORITE
STUDENT,
BUT WE'VE
GOT NO
OBLIGATION
TO GO THAT
FAR. SORRY,
BUT WE'VE
GOTTA STICK
TO OUR
JOURNEY.

WHOA,
WHOA.



UPON
YOUR RETURN,
I SHALL PRODUCE
TALISMANS TO
PROTECT YOU
ON THE REST OF
YOUR JOURNEY.

EVEN
AMONG THEM,
MY MISTRESS'
ARE SPECIAL!

IGNORA-
MUSES
JUST DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

IGNORE-
GRETFULLY.

LAY OFF
ALREADY.

TALISMANS MADE
BY THE MAGI ARE
NOT THE SAME AS
SUPERSTITIONS!

IT IS A
CHARM.

WHAT'S
A TALIS-
MAN?

AIN'T
THAT ALL
IN YOUR
HEAD?

CHARMS
?

HOW
RUDE!

...SHOULD
REDUCE THE
EVIL SPIRITS
IT CAN DRAW...
OR AT LEAST
PROTECT
AGAINST YOU
YOURSELVES
BECOMING
POSSESSED.

THE CURSED
POWER OF THAT
BRAND DEFIES
IMAGINATION.
ERASING IT
IS BEYOND
MY POWER.

HOWEVER,
WEAKENING
THE INTENSITY
OF ITS
POWER...

EVEN SO,
IT SHOULD
HOLD FOR
THE DURATION
OF YOUR
JOURNEY.

HOWEVER, DUE
TO THE IMMENSE
POWER OF THE
CURSE, THERE IS A
TIME LIMIT TO THE
POTENCY OF THE
TALISMAN.

...DO
THAT
?!

Y-YOU
CAN...



...
AGAINST
THAT.

IT'LL
PROTECT
...

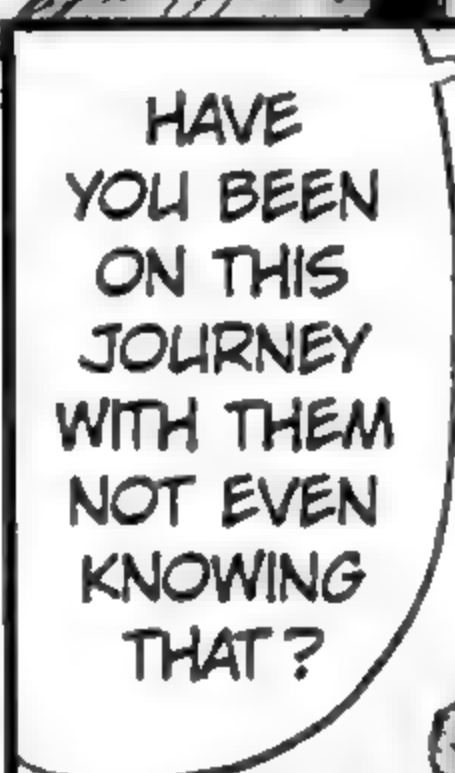


I
KNEW
WHY.

SO
THAT'S
WHY...

YEAH.

IS THAT
FOOLISH
OR
DARING
...?



HAVE
YOU BEEN
ON THIS
JOURNEY
WITH THEM
NOT EVEN
KNOWING
THAT?



SO THAT'S
WHAT THAT
BRAND
DOES.

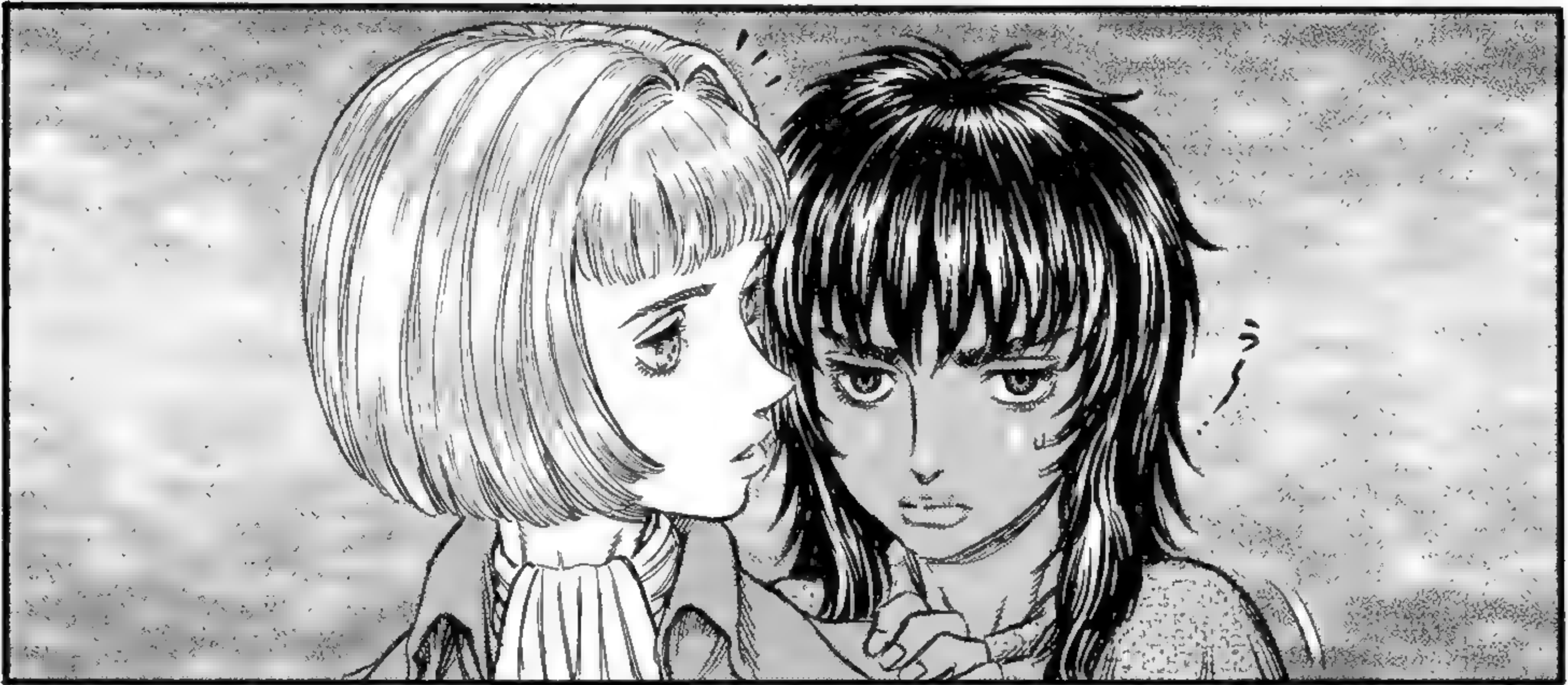
NO
WONDER
THEY
SWARM
EVERY
NIGHT...



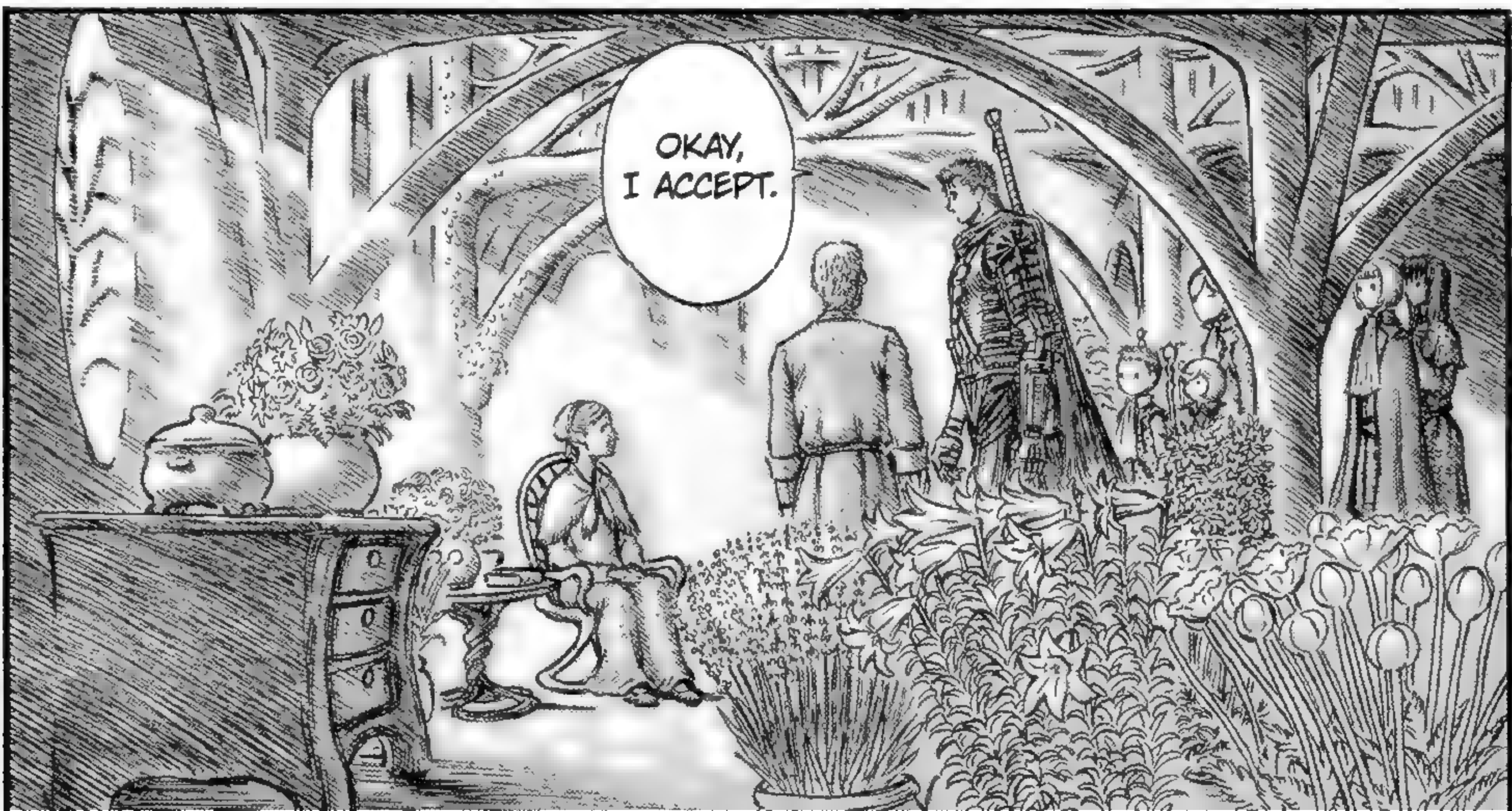
OH,
OKAY.



*FX: FLINCH



*FX: 0000





NEGOTIATION
COMPLETE.

SMILE



M-
MISTRESS
...!

EXTEND
GREETINGS TO
EVERYONE,
SCHIERKE.

WHY
BOTHR
...?



BRUTE
SLAY-
ING,
EH?

THIS IS
GETTIN'
INTERESTIN'!

OH,
BOTHR.

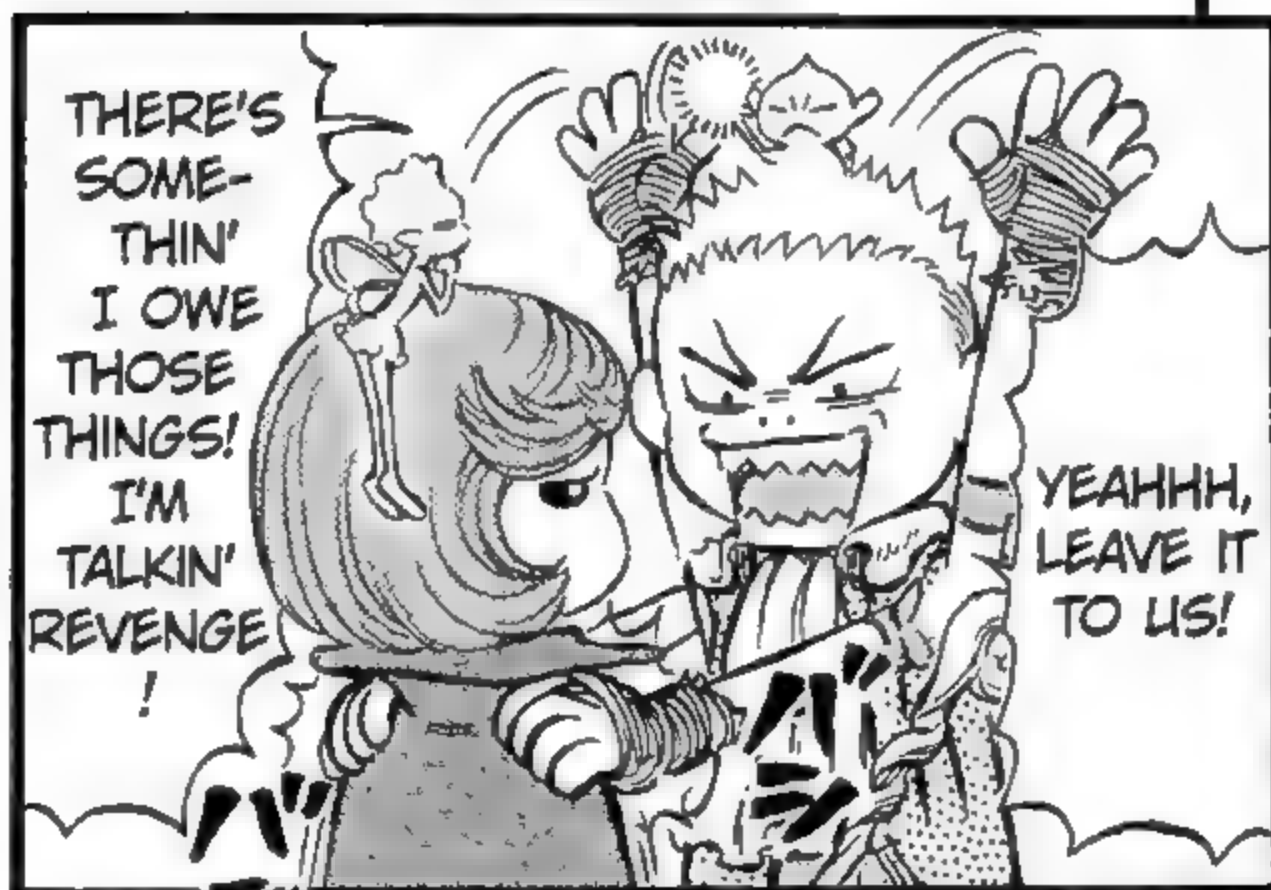
H-HEY...

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH...!



.....

*FX: WHAP WHAP



THERE'S
SOME-
THIN'
I OWE
THOSE
THINGS!
I'M
TALKIN'
REVENGE
!

YEAHHH,
LEAVE IT
TO US!



THAT'S
BAMIN'.

WELL,
TRY NOT TO GET
IN THE WAY,
LITTLE WITCH
APPRENTICE.

*HMPH

SOMEONE
HOLDS A
GRUDGE.

*HEH



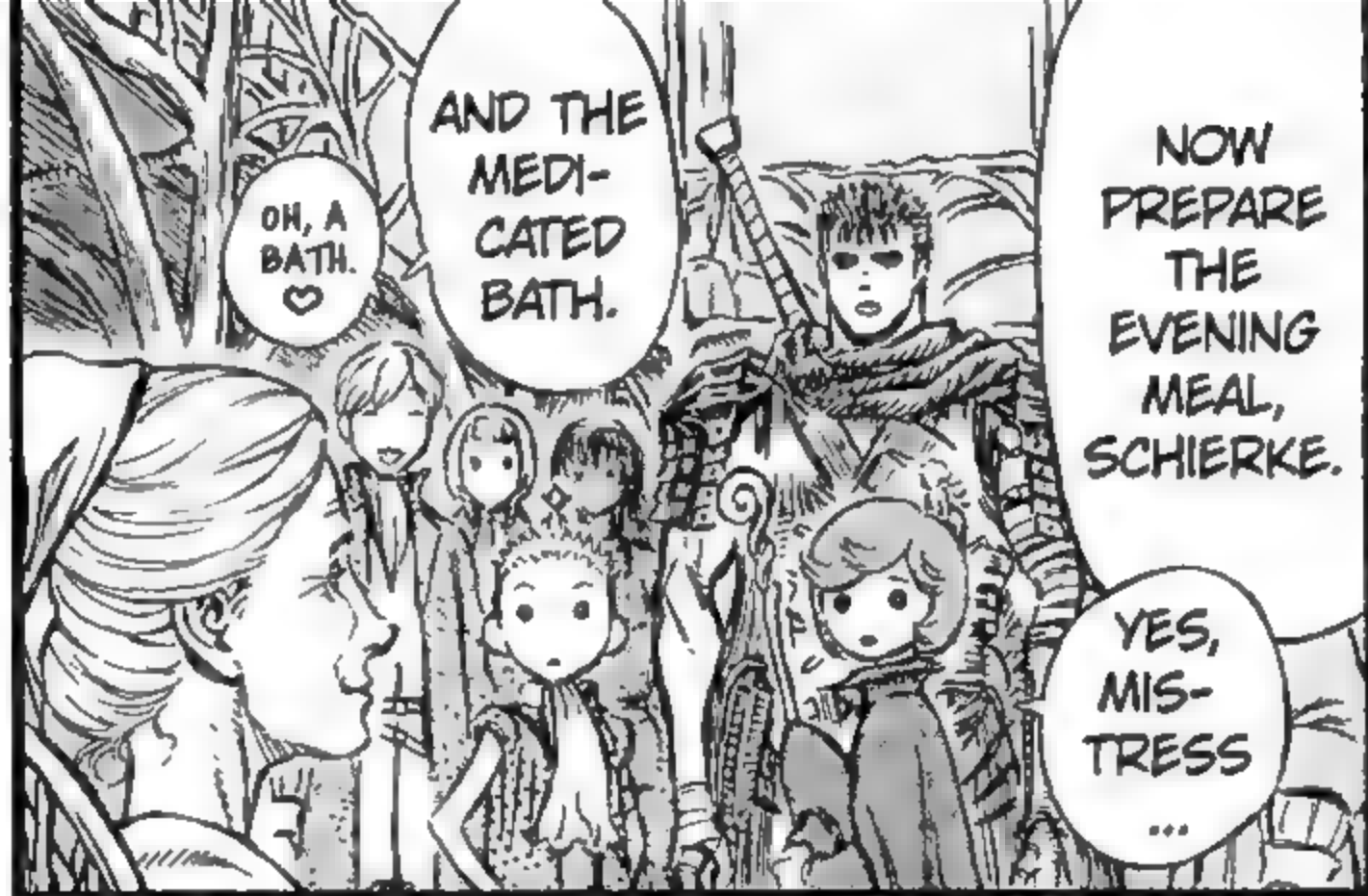
IT...

IT IS
NICE TO
MEET
ALL OF
YOU...



NO
NEED TO
WORRY.

WAIT A MINUTE.
IF YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE BRAND,
YOU SHOULD ALSO
KNOW THAT WE...



OH, A
BATH.
♡

AND THE
MEDI-
CATED
BATH.

NOW
PREPARE
THE
EVENING
MEAL,
SCHIERKE.

YES,
MIS-
TRESS
...



SCHIERKE
TOO HAS
VARIOUS
PREPARA-
TIONS TO
MAKE.

YOU
MUST ALL BE
TIRED FROM
YOUR LONG
JOURNEY.
PLEASE REST
EASY FOR
THE NIGHT,
THEN DEPART
TOMORROW.



I
GUARANTEE
SAFETY
FOR THE
NIGHT.

THIS
MANSION IS
PROTECTED
BY TALISMANS
AS WELL.



YOU
MAY REST
EASY.



S'GOOD,
THOUGH.

I DON'T THINK
I'VE EVER HAD A
MEAL OF NOTHIN'
BUT NUTS 'N'
LEAVES.

IT IS
NUTRITIOUS.



HOW DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
BRAND?



YOU SAID YOU
WERE WAITIN' FOR
US. WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?

OLD LADY,
BACK TO
WHAT WE
WERE TALKIN'
ABOUT...



"I WANT
YOU TO
LEND THEM
A HAND."

"THEY OF
THE BRAND
WILL VISIT
THIS FOREST,
GLIDED BY
TINY WINGS..."



THERE
WAS AN
ORACLE...
...FROM
A FRIEND
IN THE
ASTRAL
WORLD.



WHO
THE HELL
SAID--?

"LEND A
HAND"...



...SO
IT'S RE-
VERSED.

THOUGH
I'M
THE ONE
BEING
HELPED
NOW...

ORACLE
...?

...TO KEENLY SENSE
ETHEREAL BODIES
UNSEEN BY THE
NAKED EYE.

DUE TO THE
CURSED POWER
OF THE BRAND,
YOU ALL HAVE
BEEN RENDERED
ABLE...

TO PUT
IT SIMPLY,
THE
AFTER-
LIFE.

HEY!
WHAT'S
THAT
ASTRAL
WORLD
THING?

...IN WHICH
OUR WORLD IS
OVERLAPPED
BY THE
EXISTENCE OF
TWO OTHER
WORLDS.

THERE
IS A
TRINITY
...

ARE
ETHEREAL
BODIES
GHOSTS
?

YOU
CAN'T
HAVE
'EM
ALL!
LAST
ONE.

THE OTHER IS
THE SOUL OF
THE ORIGIN OF
ALL EXISTENCE,
THE WORLD OF
THE IDEA.

ONE IS KNOWN
COMMONLY
AS THE WORLD
OF SPIRITS,
THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

AMATEURS
CANNOT TELL
ONE FROM
THE OTHER!

...AND
TOUCH IT
AS IF IT
WERE A
REAL
THING.

IF AN
ETHEREAL BODY
IS SENSED
STRONGLY
ENOUGH,
YOUR PHYSICAL
BODY WILL
SEE IT...

THAT'S A LITTLE COMPLICATED,
BUT IT COMES DOWN TO
GHOSTS, RIGHT? AIN'T THEY
A LITTLE TOO LIVELY? THEY'RE
ALL STICKY LIKE SNOT.
MAKES ME SICK.

THOSE ARE
THE ETHEREAL
BODIES THAT
YOUR ETHEREAL
BODY'S
PERCEIVING.

HOW
VULGAR!

MANY PEOPLE
OVER THE AGES
HAVE RECOGNIZED
THIS FACT AS REALITY,
AND BECAUSE THEIR
WORLD VIEW CONTINUES
TO BE PASSED DOWN,
WE ARE ABLE TO
PERCEIVE, SEE,
AND TOUCH THESE
LITTLE ONES.

ELVES AND
TROLLS ARE
INHABITANTS
OF THAT
SAME ASTRAL
WORLD.



...
AHA! SO THAT'S WHY FARNY COULDN'T SEE ME AT FIRST. BUT NOW THAT SHE'S SEEN ENOUGH SCARY STUFF...



...SO MANY OF THE ELVES WHO CAN NO LONGER INTERACT WITH HUMANS HAVE FADED AWAY TO SOME PLACE IN THE ASTRAL WORLD.

LONG AGO IT WAS QUITE NATURAL TO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF ELVES. BUT WITH THE SPREAD OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SEE, OF ONE UNIVERSAL WORLD VIEW, THOSE WHO CAN SEE THEM HAVE DWINDLED...



*FX: TWITCH

SAVOR THE TASTE.

YUM YUM YUM.

PLEASE DO NOT TEASE HER.

*FX: RUB RUB RUB

*FX: YOINK CHOMP



WHAT ARE YOU, DUMB ?!

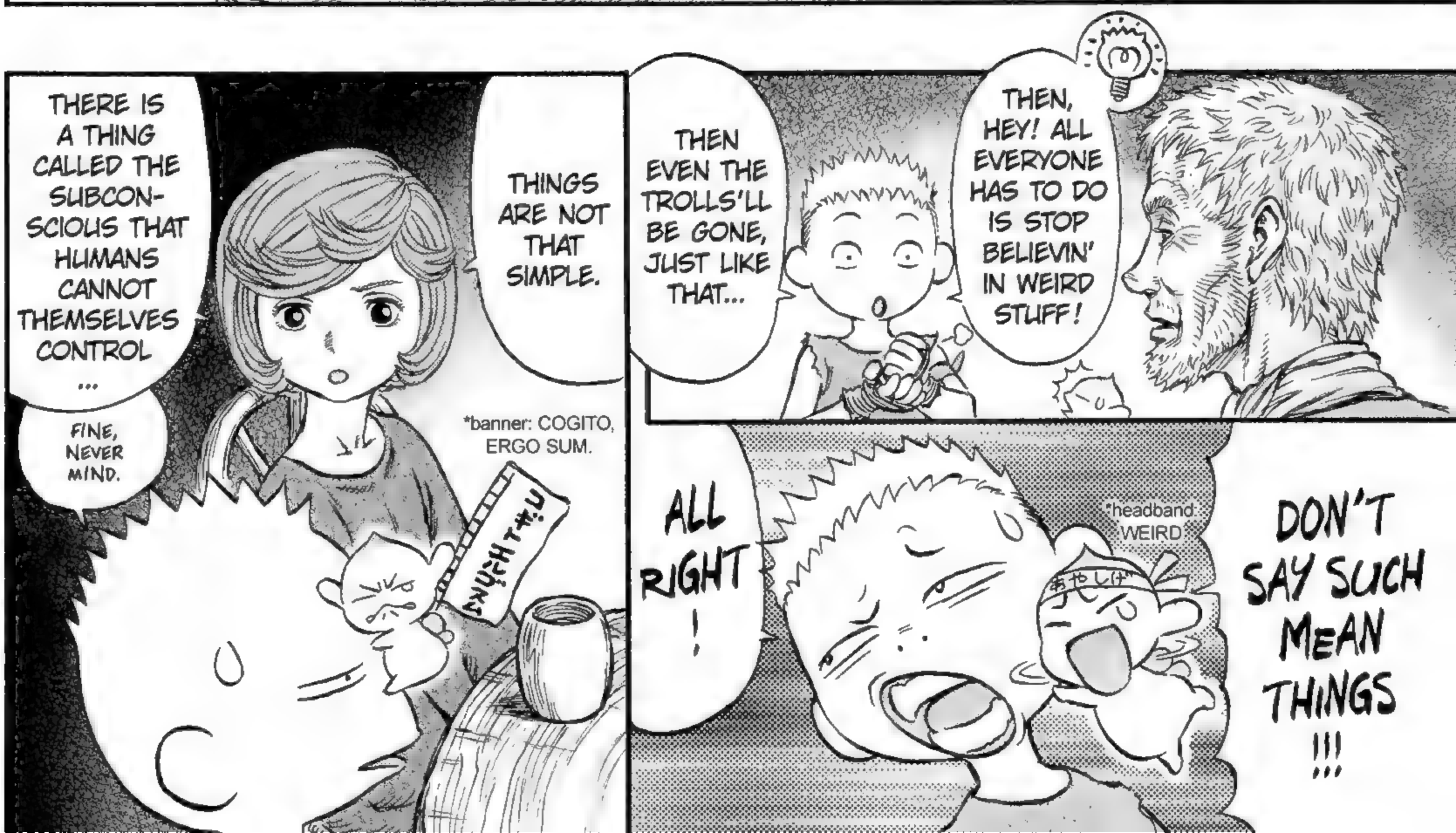
PIXIES ARE BORN EXAGGERATORS. I'M A DIFFERENT STORY THOUGH!

I THINK!

NO PROB, NO PROB.

PLENTY A' PEOPLE'VE LIVED THERE.

YOU'RE SURE WE'LL BE OKAY IN YOUR HOMELAND...? DON'T TELL ME IT'S THE AFTERLIFE...



THERE IS A THING CALLED THE SUBCONSCIOUS THAT HUMANS CANNOT THEMSELVES CONTROL ...

FINE, NEVER MIND.

THINGS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE.

*banner: COGITO, ERGO SUM.

THEN EVEN THE TROLLS'LL BE GONE, JUST LIKE THAT...

THEN, HEY! ALL EVERYONE HAS TO DO IS STOP BELIEVIN' IN WEIRD STUFF!

ALL RIGHT!

*headband WEIRD

DON'T SAY SUCH MEAN THINGS !!!

AN OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCE. VERY NICE. ♡

...FROM THE CONFINES OF OUR PHYSICAL WORLD TO DELVE INTO THE ASTRAL WORLD.

SINCE LONG AGO, WE MAGI HAVE LEARNED AND INHERITED THE PRACTICE OF RELEASING OUR ETHEREAL BODIES...

YOU CAN DO THAT KINDA THING?

...THE SCENERY COMES TO LOOK UNIMAGINABLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

THEN, IN THE DEEP LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD...

THERE EXIST ASTRAL ENTITIES WITH WHOM THE ETHEREAL BODIES...

...OF MERE HUMANS CANNOT EVEN COMPARE.

ANGELS, DEMONS, GODS OF POLYTHEISM...

THUS, THE DEAD WHO DID NOT REALIZE THEY DIED OR WHO LEFT THE PHYSICAL WORLD REGRETFULLY...

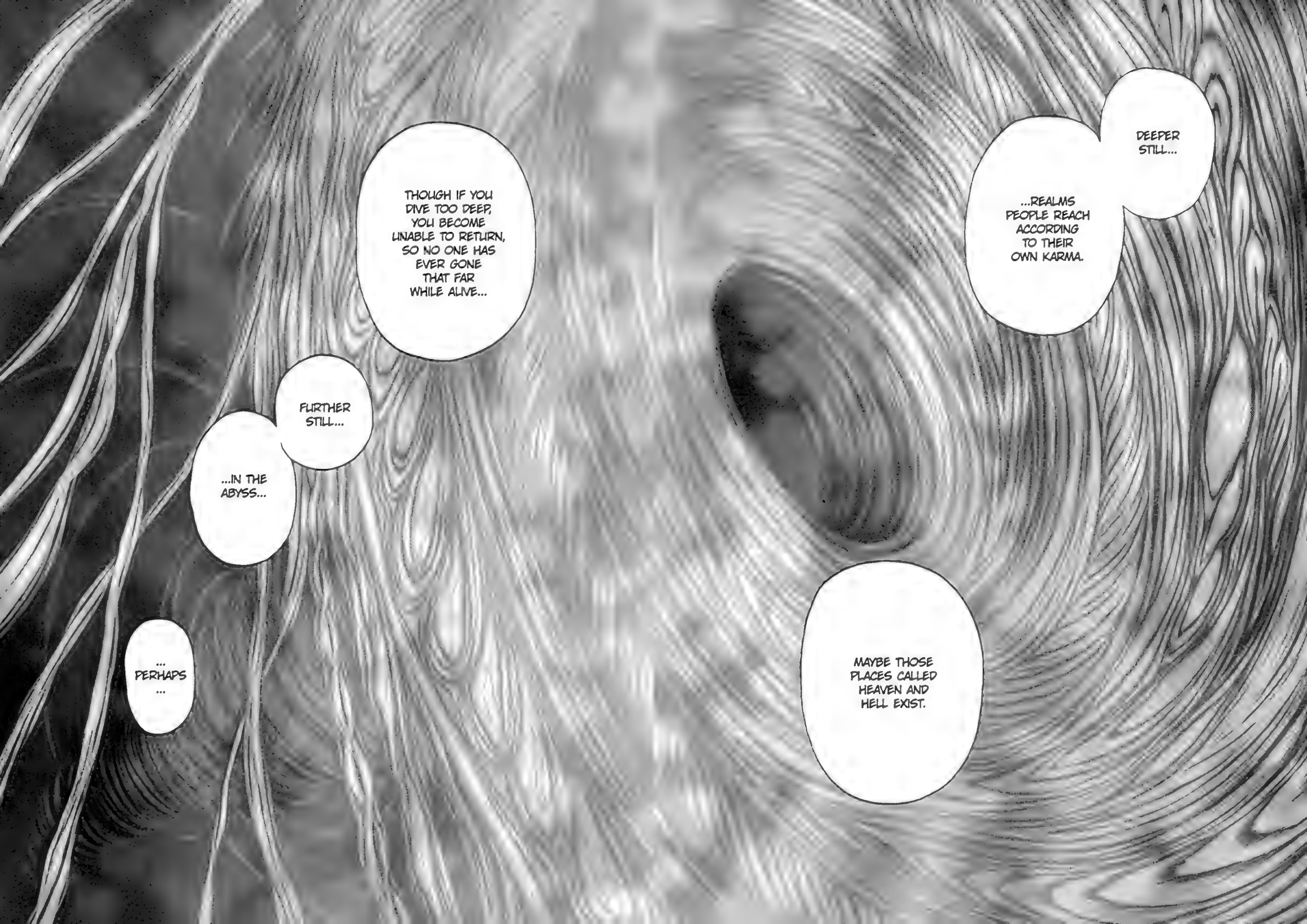
...OFTEN WANDER THERE.

EVENTUALLY, NEARLY ALL BECOME AWARE OF THEIR OWN DEATH OR BECOME UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THE FORM OF THEIR ETHEREAL BODIES AND PASS AWAY FROM THIS LAYER.

...VARIOUS ETHEREAL BEINGS EXIST AS LIVING LEGENDS.

IN THE RELATIVELY SHALLOW LAYER OF THE ASTRAL WORLD KNOWN AS THE INTERSTICE ...

EVEN THE SCENERY IS MOSTLY DERIVED FROM THE ETHEREAL FORMS OF OUR WORLD, SO THERE IS LITTLE DISPARITY BETWEEN IT AND OUR PHYSICAL REALITY.



THOUGH IF YOU
DIVE TOO DEEP,
YOU BECOME
UNABLE TO RETURN,
SO NO ONE HAS
EVER GONE
THAT FAR
WHILE ALIVE...

FURTHER
STILL...

...IN THE
ABYSS...

...
PERHAPS
...

...REALMS
PEOPLE REACH
ACCORDING
TO THEIR
OWN KARMA.

DEEPER
STILL...

MAYBE THOSE
PLACES CALLED
HEAVEN AND
HELL EXIST.



...AND
EXPLORE
THE ENTIRE
UNIVERSE
FROM WITHIN
YOUR
WORLD.

THAT
IS THE
WAY OF
MAGIC.



ACCEPT
THE GREAT
MYSTERIES...



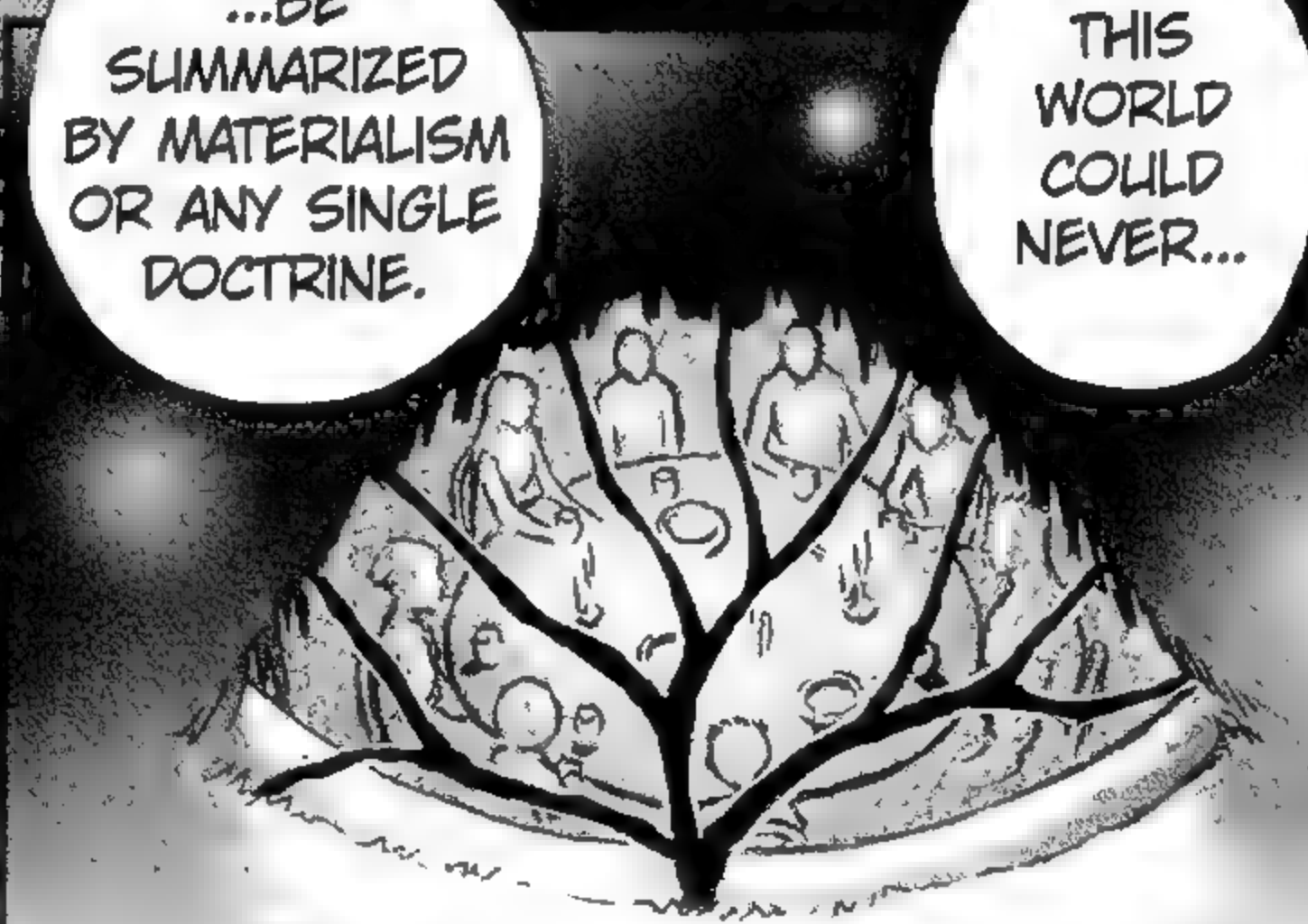
.....

THERE EXIST
PROFOUND
DEPTHS
WITHIN ITSELF.



THE WORLD
DOESN'T
EXTEND IN
MERELY TWO
DIMENSIONS.

...BE
SUMMARIZED
BY MATERIALISM
OR ANY SINGLE
DOCTRINE.



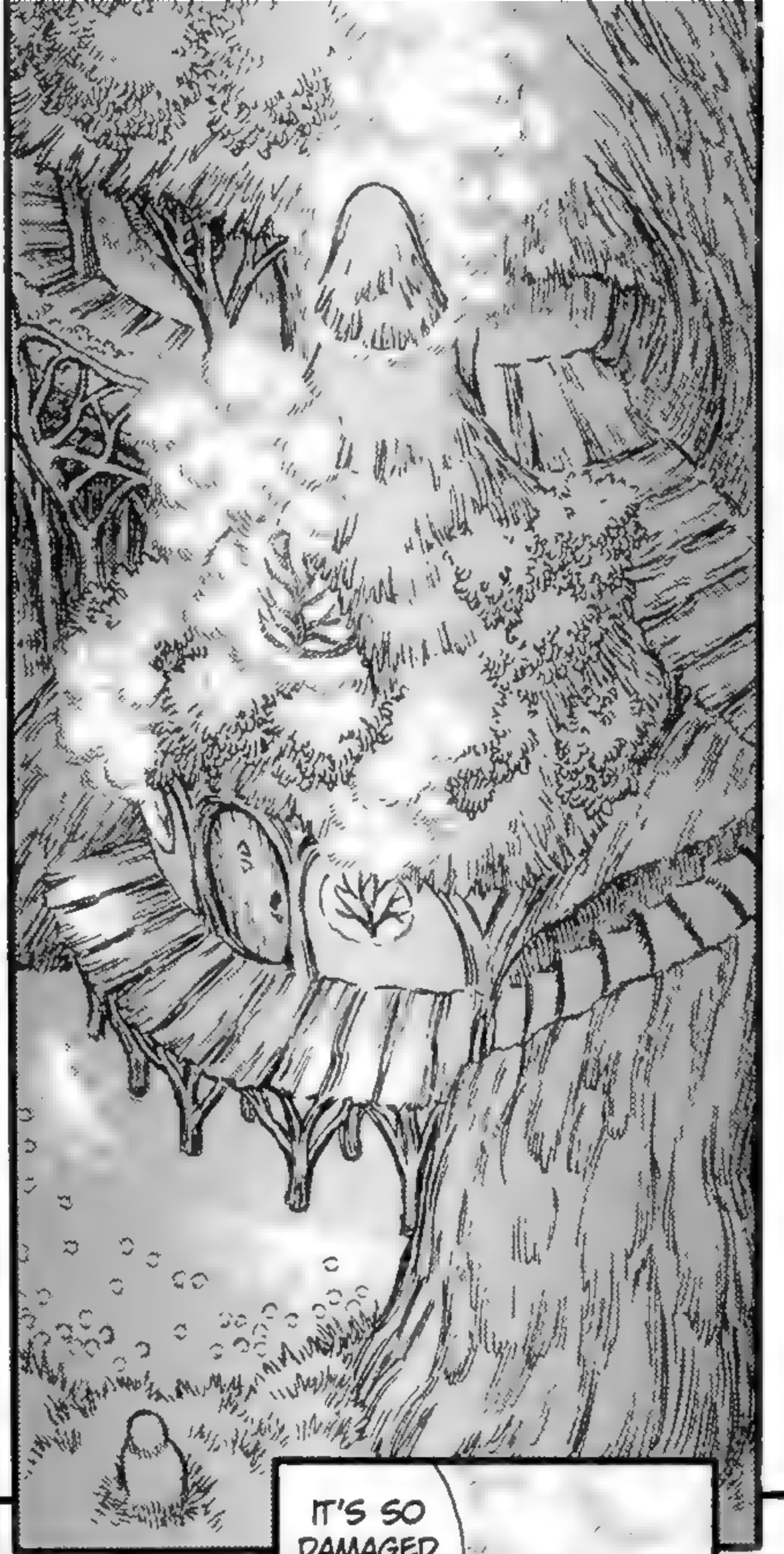
THIS
WORLD
COULD
NEVER...

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER

MAGIC STONE

魔 石

BERSERK





...DURING
OUR
TRAVELS.

I NEVER EVEN
DREAMED I
WOULD FIND
COMFORT
LIKE THIS...

*SIP
ちび
びび



...IN A
WITCH'S
MANSION.

WHAT'S
MORE...



*FX: OMMMM

*FX: SHFF SHFF



NOW
THEN
...

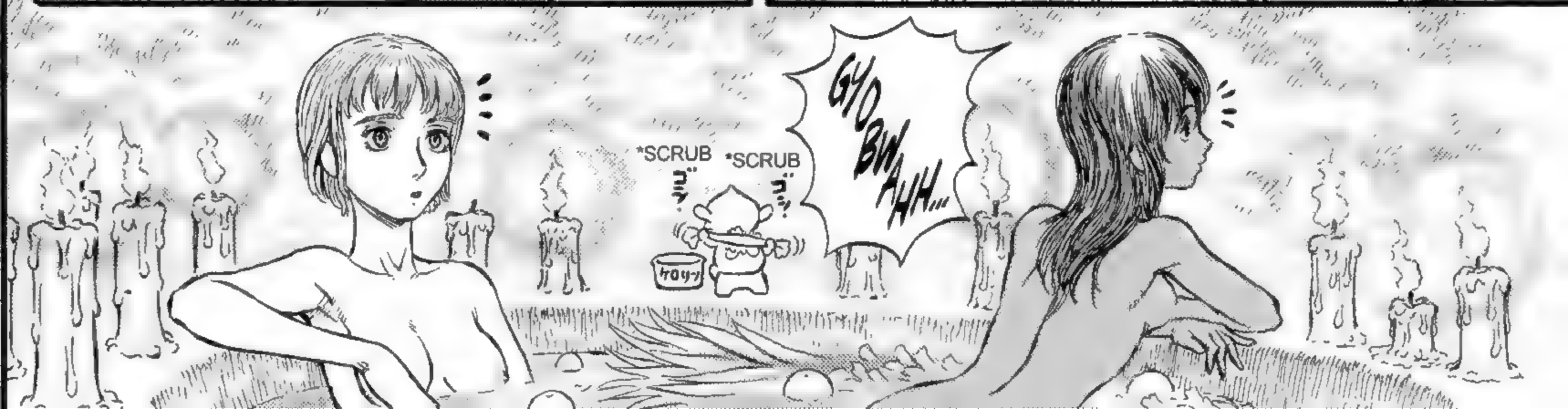
...



*GRAB!

*FX: GRRR

A CHILD'S
PRIVILEGE
!!



*SCRUB *SCRUB

GYO
BW
AHH...



BOK
BOK

ボク
ボク

EIGH!
EIGH!

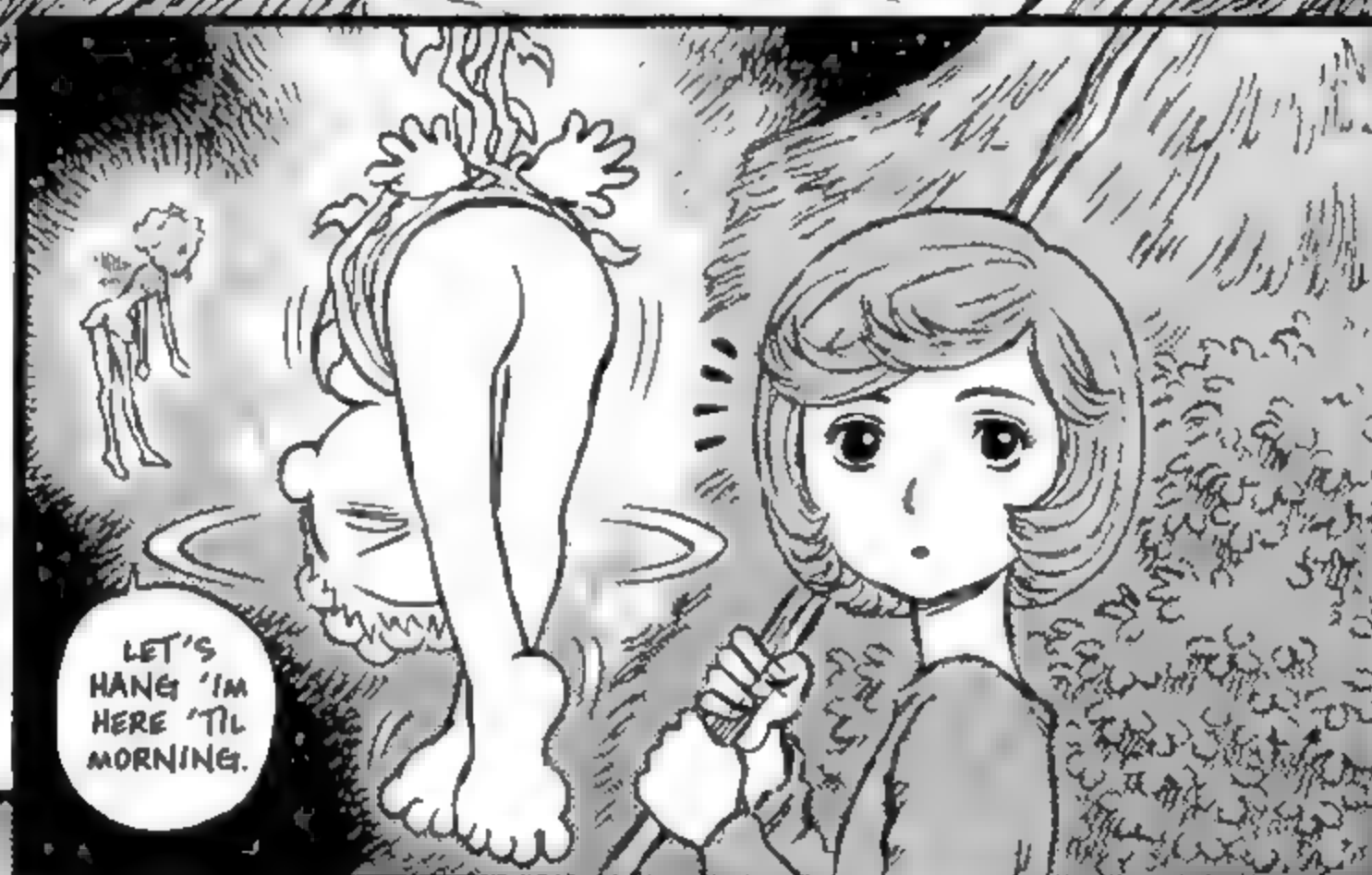
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YOU
WISH TO
SHOW ME
SOME-
THING?

WHAT
MIGHT
THAT
BE?



.....



LET'S
HANG 'IM
HERE 'TIL
MORNING.

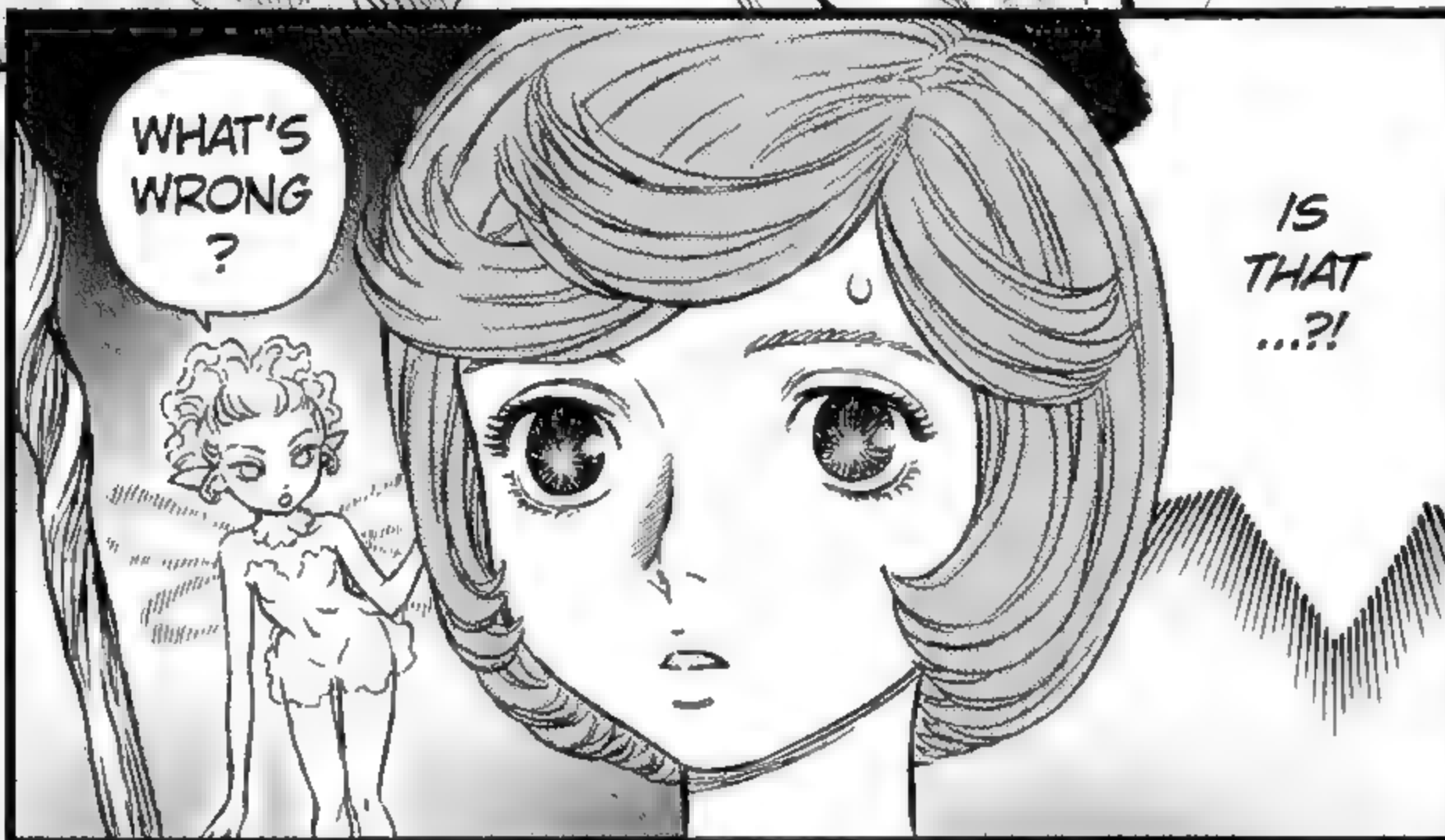


...KNOW
WHAT
THIS IS?

DO
YOU...



THAT'S...



WHAT'S
WRONG
?

IS
THAT
...?!



!



ALL WHO
ASPIRE
TOWARD
MASTERING
THE WAY
OF MAGIC
DO.

YES...

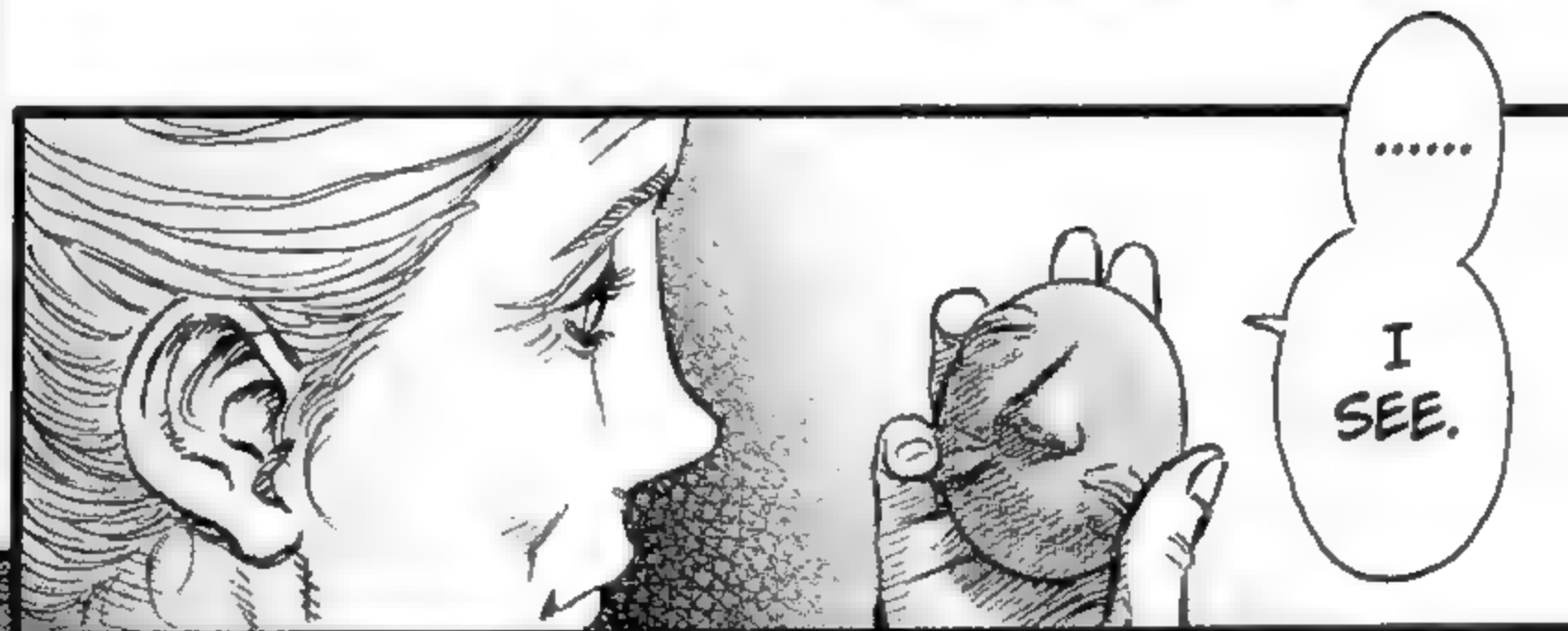
I
KNOW
IT.



I GOT IT
FROM A
CERTAIN
MAN.

WHERE
THE
BLAZES
DID YOU--

DOES
THIS
BELONG
TO YOU
?



.....

I
SEE.



A KEY
THAT LINKS
A DEEP
LAYER OF
THE ASTRAL
WORLD
TO THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

A
BEHELIT.

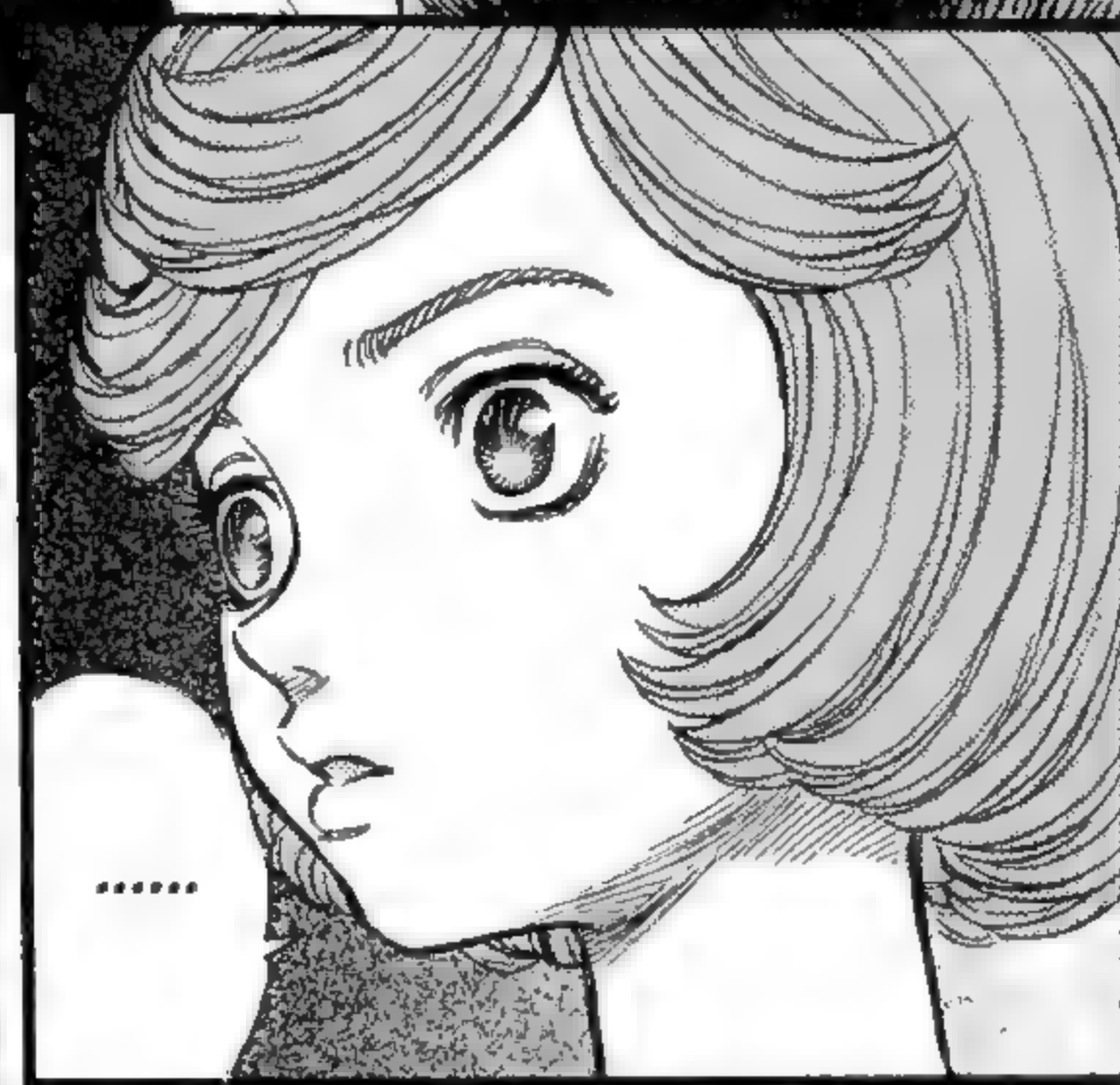


A
FETISH FOR
SUMMONING
THE FIVE
ANGELS.



STRAIGHT
TO THE
POINT.

THAT'S
A WITCH
FOR
YOU.



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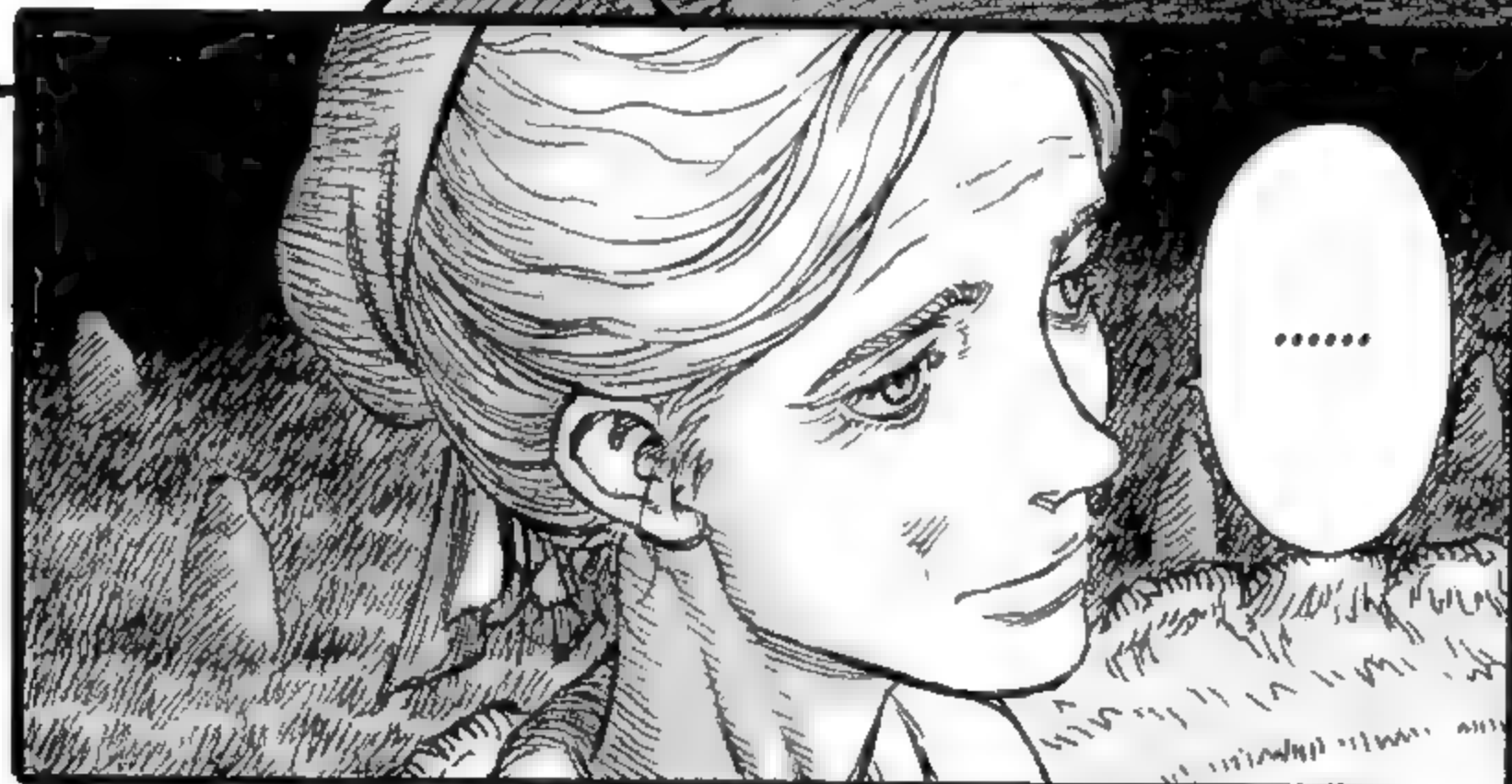


TELL
ME...

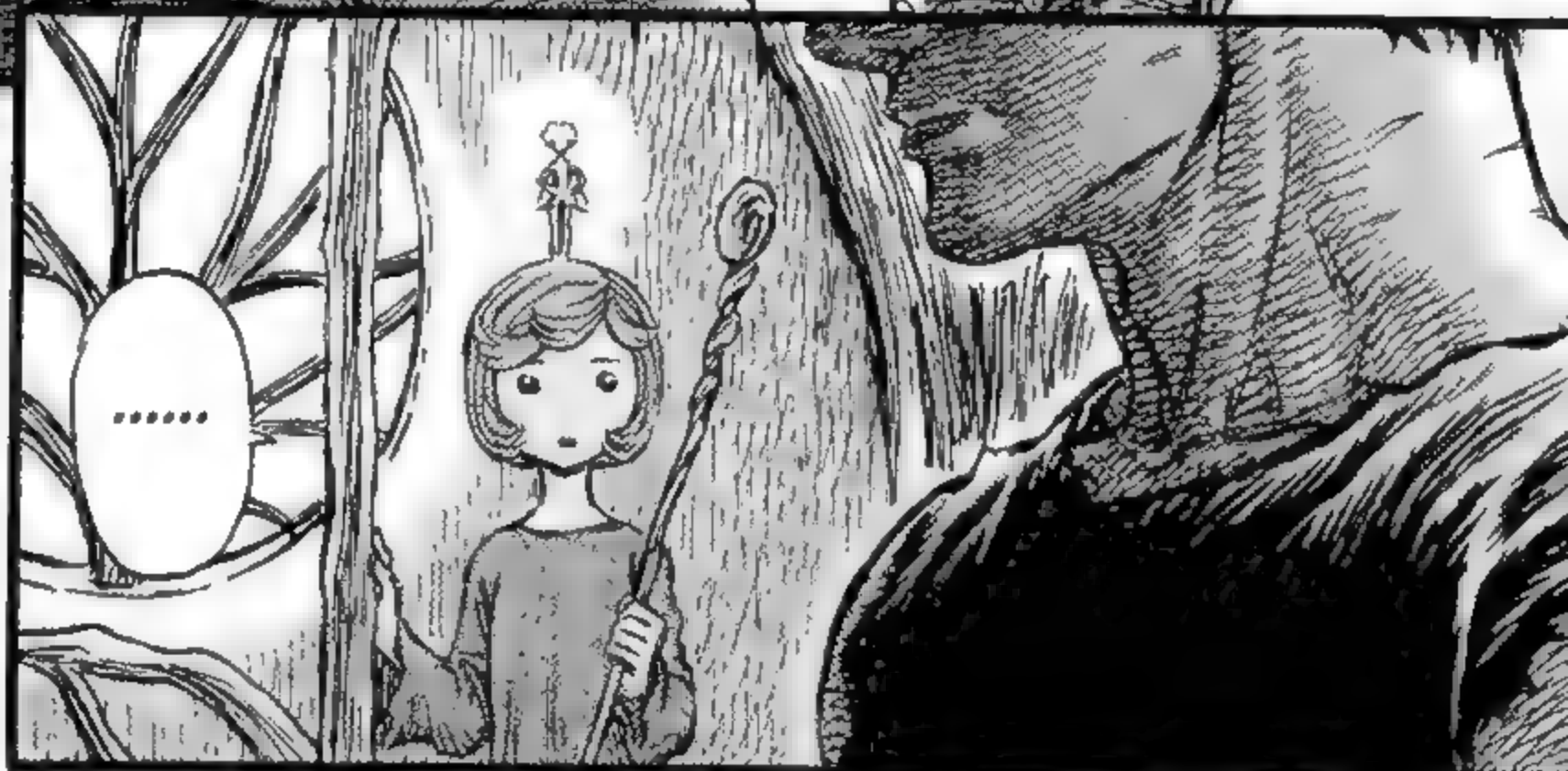


...AND
SUMMON
THEM.

...THE
WAY TO
USE
THIS...



.....

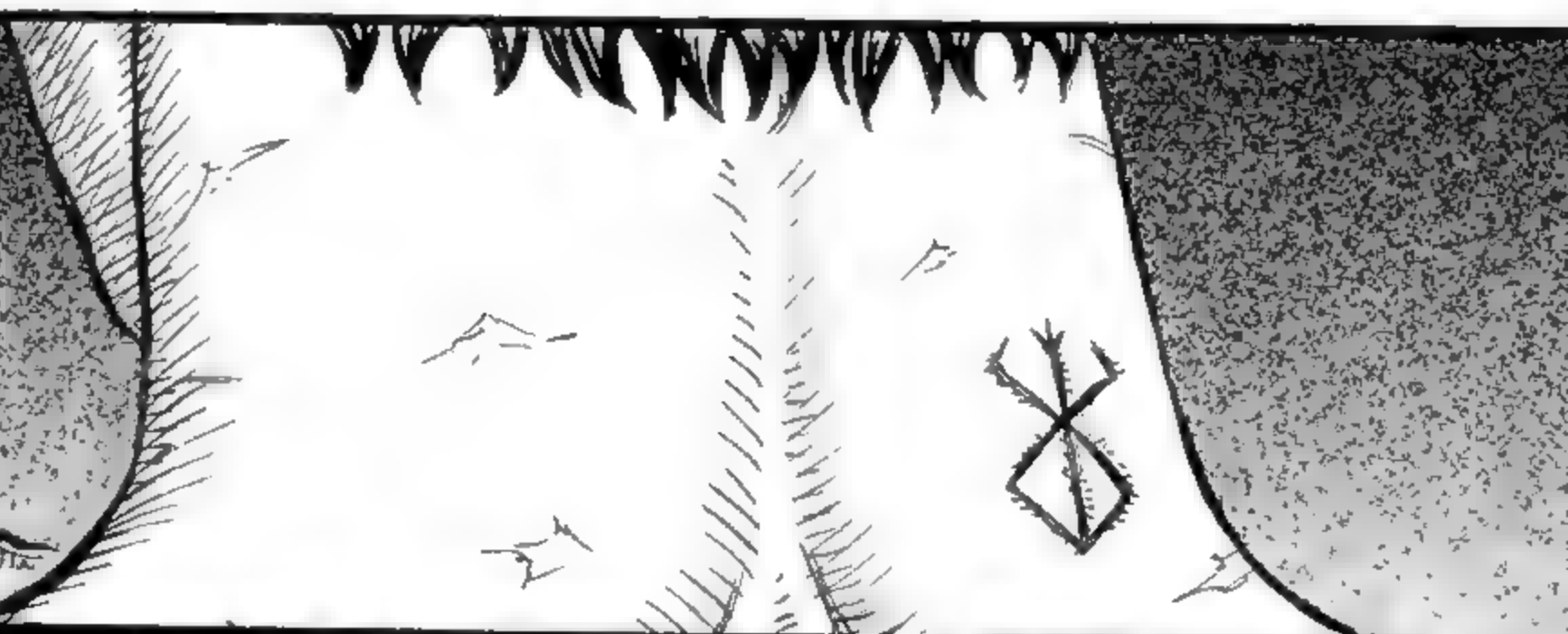


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THEY
CARVED
THAT INTO
YOU.

THE
BRAND
...



REVENGE,
THEN...

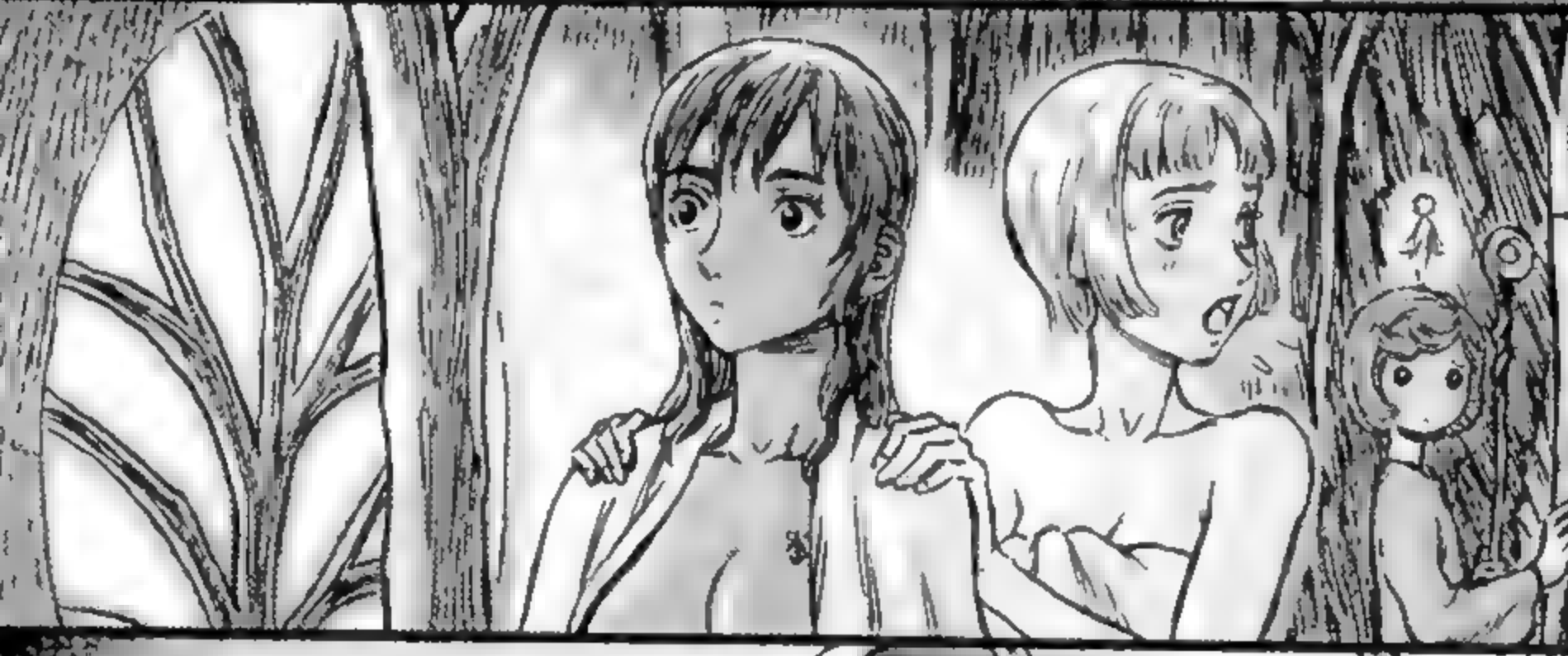


THAT ISN'T LADYLIKE BEHAVIOR ...!

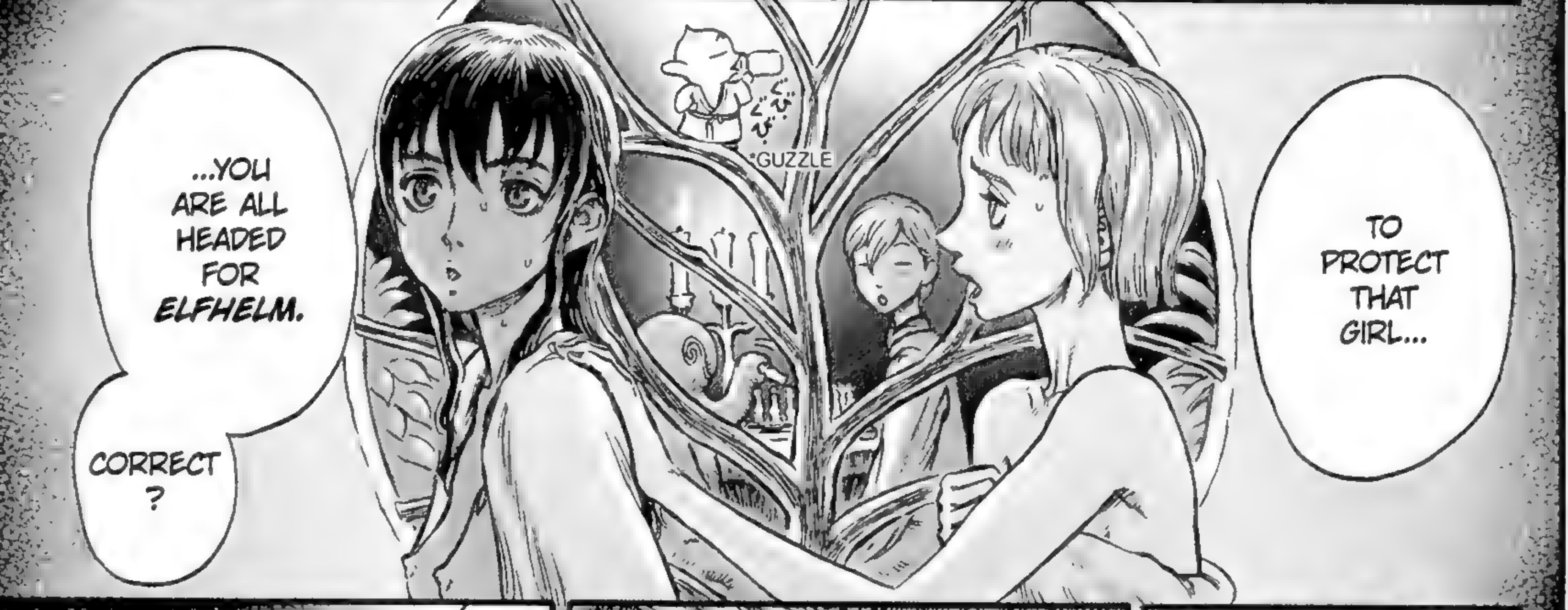


COME BACK HERE !

HEY...



E...
EXCUSE US!



...YOU ARE ALL HEADED FOR ELFHELM.

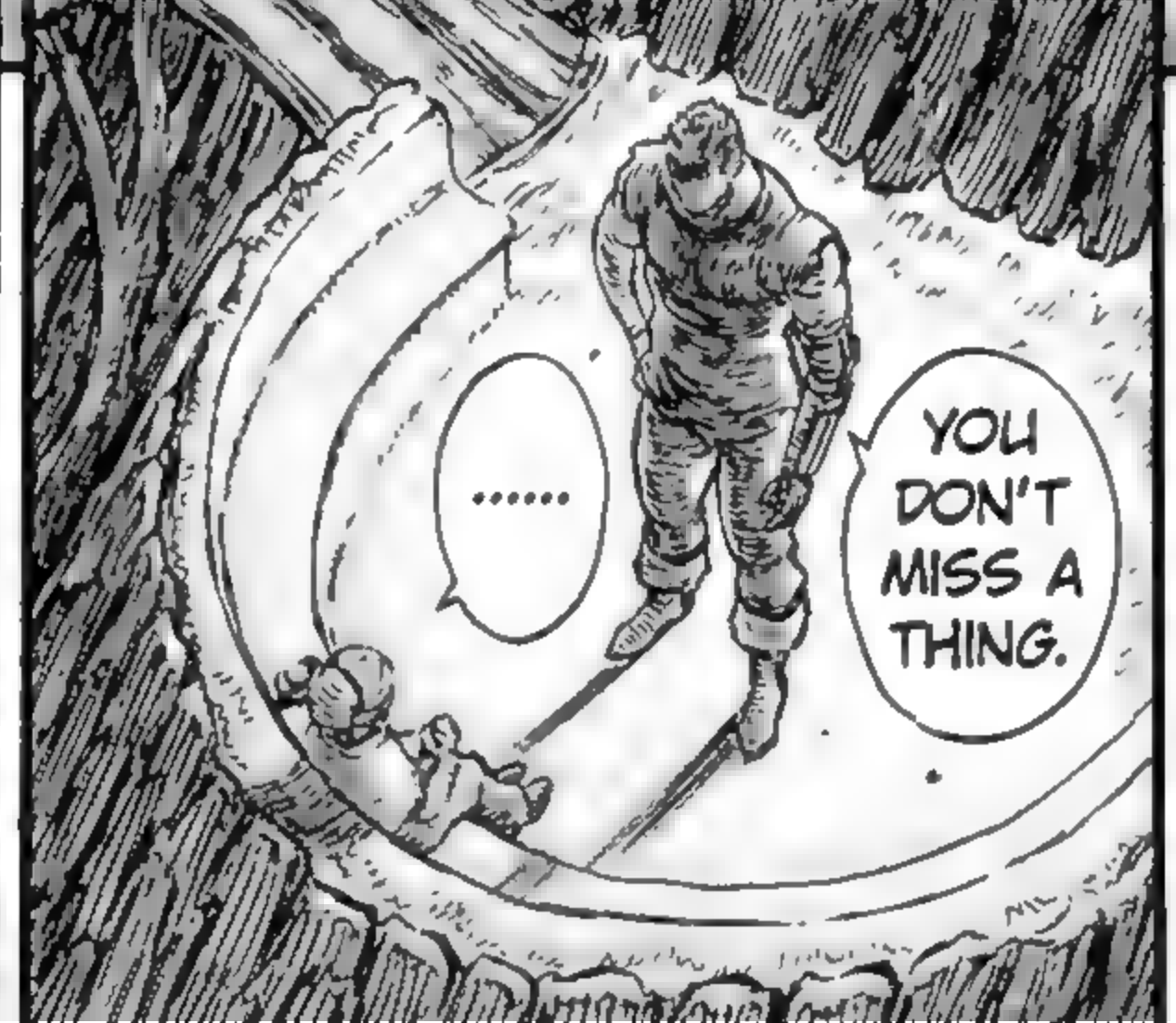
TO PROTECT THAT GIRL...

CORRECT ?

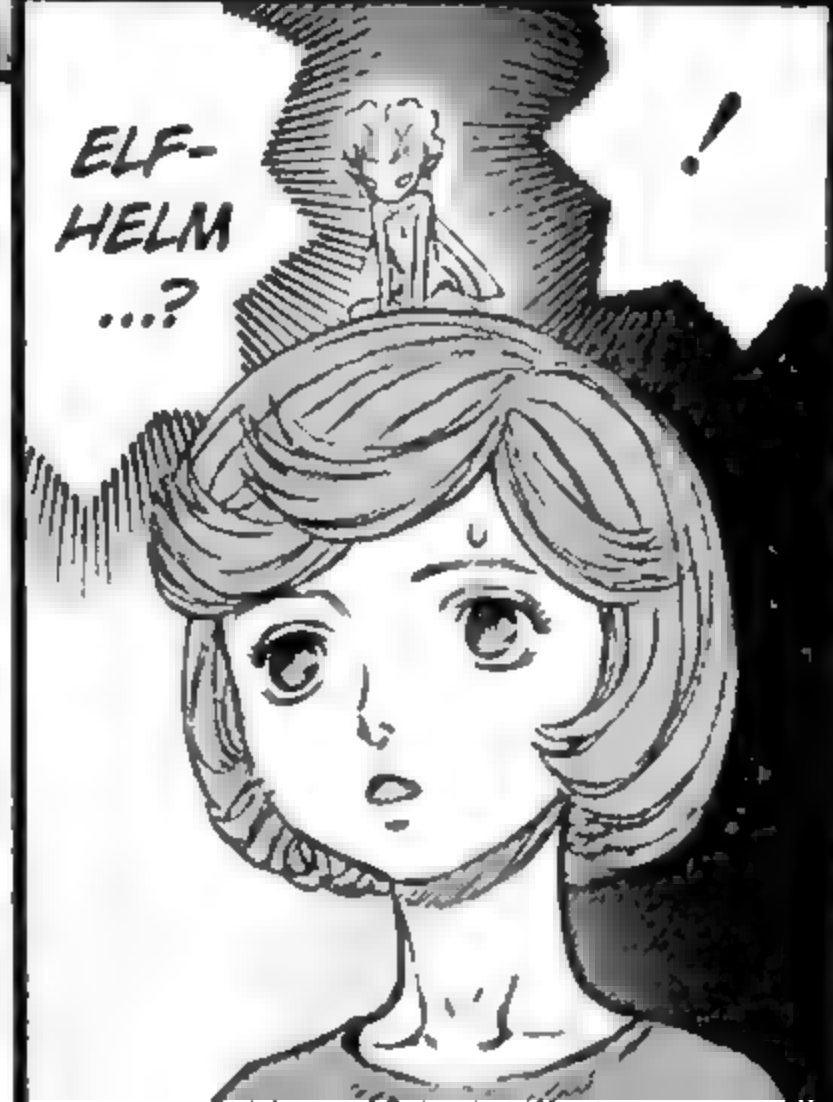
*GUZZLE



HOW IRONIC ...



YOU DON'T MISS A THING.



ELF-HELM ...?



...THAT HAS
KEPT YOU
ON YOUR
FEET UNTIL
THIS DAY.

IT MUST
BE THAT
MALICE...

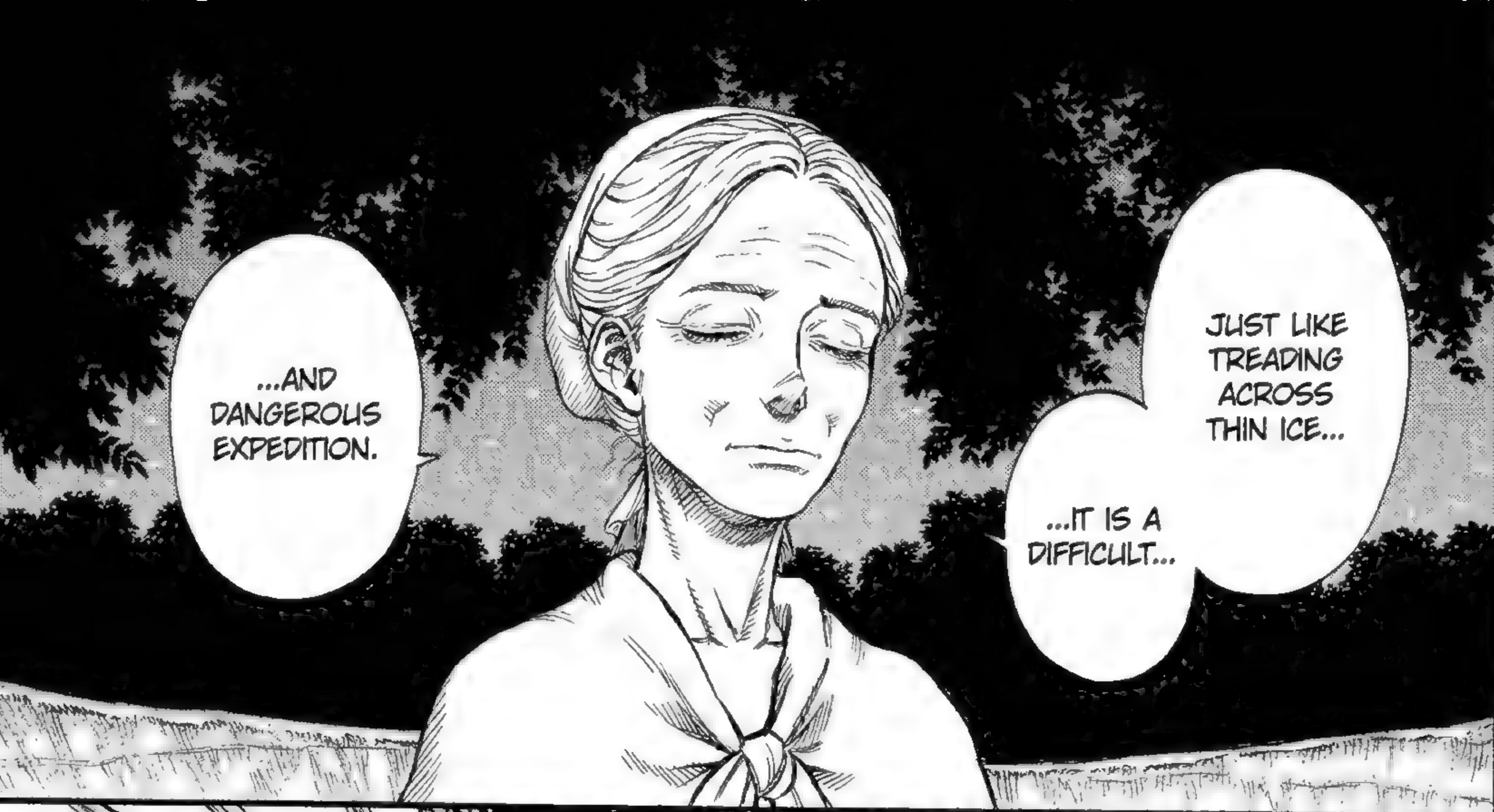
AND SO
IT BECOMES
SHACKLES...

...IS STRIVING
TO INCINERATE
EVEN THOSE
YOU CONSIDER
IRREPLACEABLE.

YOUR LIFE
CANNOT
BE WITHOUT
HATRED...

...BUT THAT
HELLFIRE...

...WHICH
MAKE YOUR
SWORD
HEAVY AND
BLUNT.



...AND
DANGEROUS
EXPEDITION.

...IT IS A
DIFFICULT...

JUST LIKE
TREADING
ACROSS
THIN ICE...



...I CAN'T
MEET YOUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS.

UNFORTU-
NATELY...



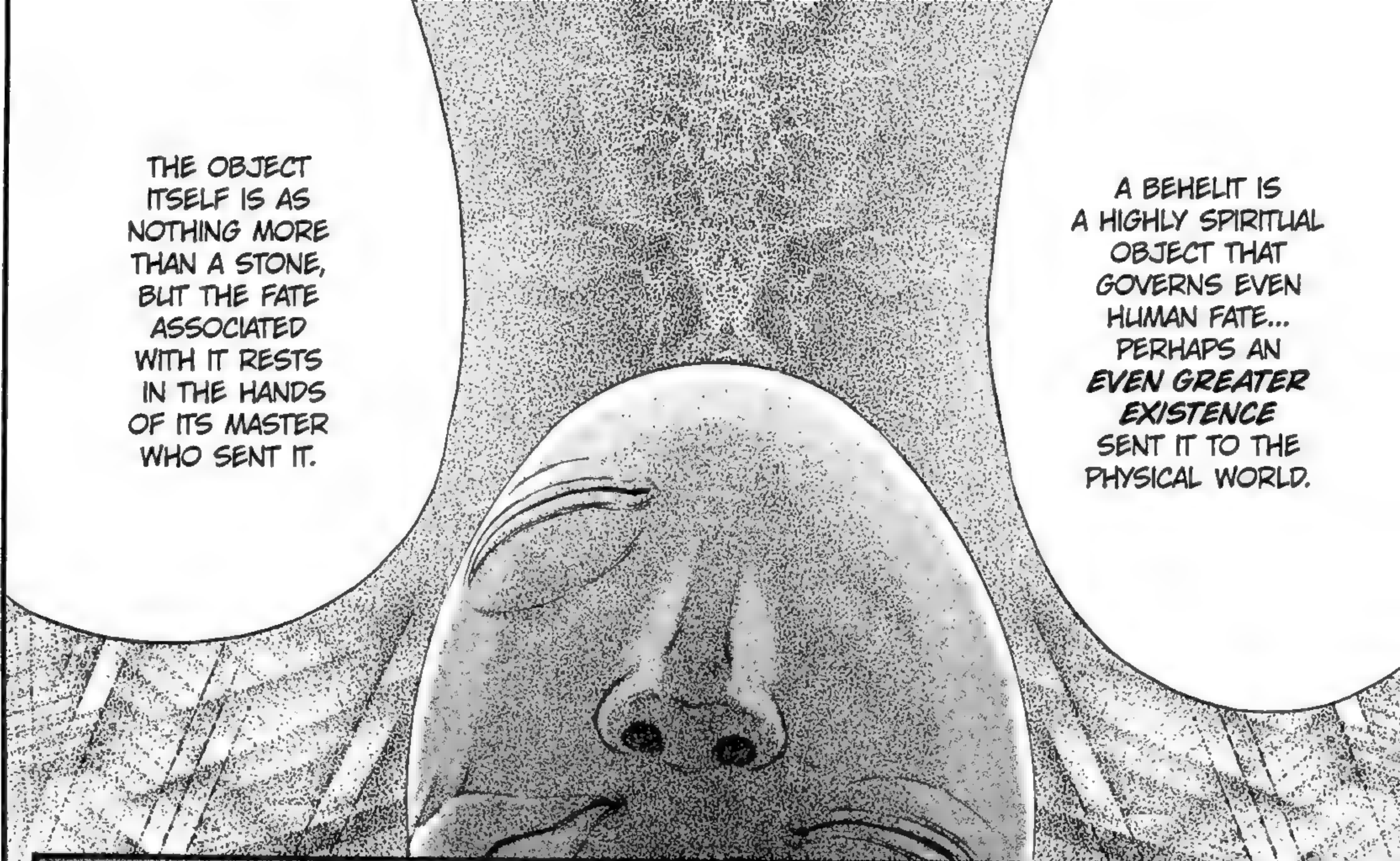
...THAT
CAN BE
USED
IF ONLY
YOU FIND
THE
MEANS,
BUT IT
IS NOT.

YOU
THINK
THIS IS
SOME-
THING
...



NOT
THAT.

YOU
MEAN YOU
DON'T
FEEL LIKE
TELLIN'
ME?



THE OBJECT
ITSELF IS AS
NOTHING MORE
THAN A STONE,
BUT THE FATE
ASSOCIATED
WITH IT RESTS
IN THE HANDS
OF ITS MASTER
WHO SENT IT.

A BEHELIT IS
A HIGHLY SPIRITUAL
OBJECT THAT
GOVERNS EVEN
HUMAN FATE...
PERHAPS AN
**EVEN GREATER
EXISTENCE**
SENT IT TO THE
PHYSICAL WORLD.



THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS.

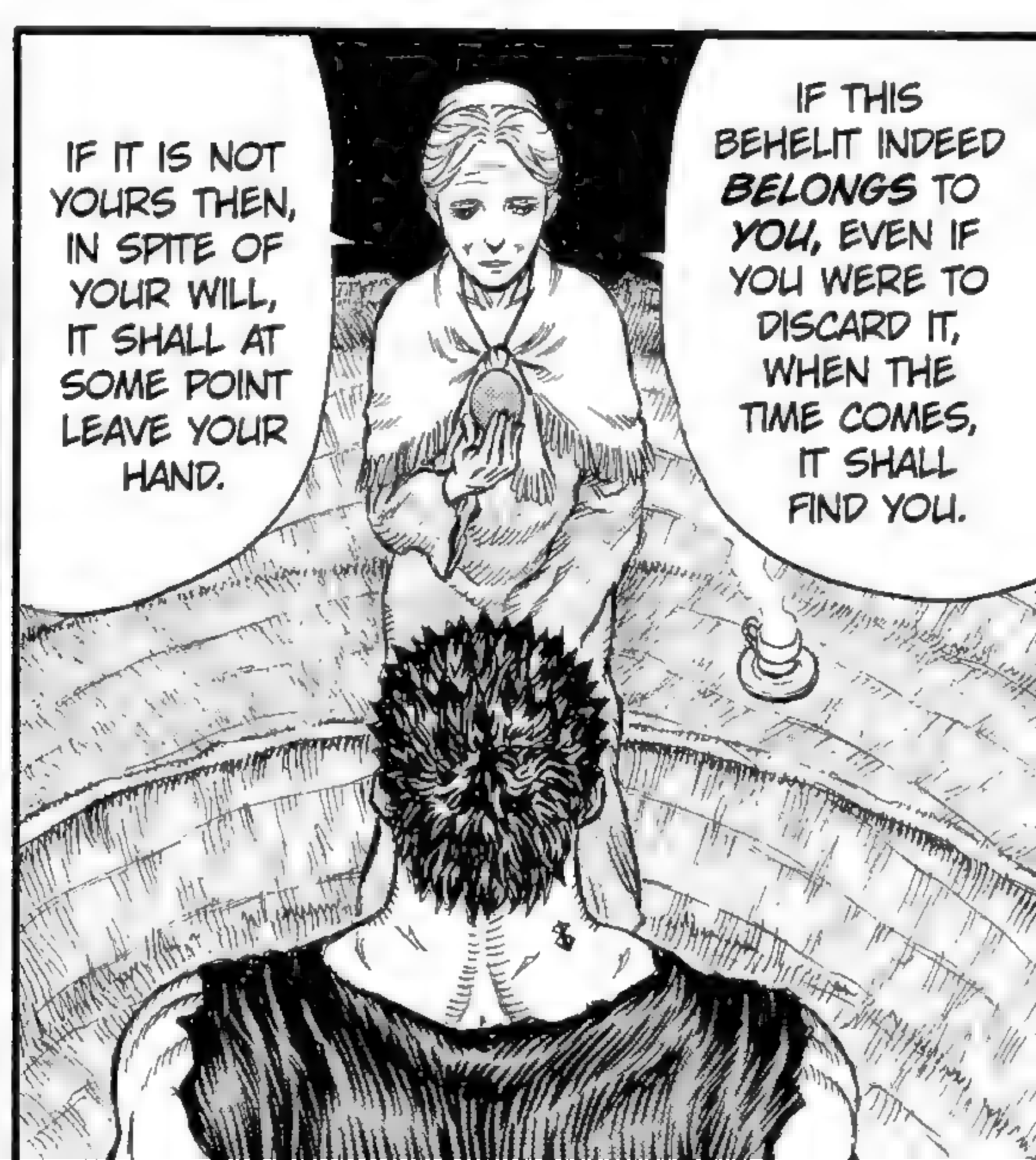
WHEN THE
TIME IS RIGHT,
IT WILL BE IN
THE HANDS OF
THE PERSON
TO WHOM IT
BELONGS.



...THAT THE
OWNER
CRAVES
THEIR
POWER.

AND IT IS
CERTAIN...

...TO BE
AT THE
VERY
MOMENT
...



IF IT IS NOT
YOURS THEN,
IN SPITE OF
YOUR WILL,
IT SHALL AT
SOME POINT
LEAVE YOUR
HAND.

IF THIS
BEHELIT INDEED
**BELONGS TO
YOU**, EVEN IF
YOU WERE TO
DISCARD IT,
WHEN THE
TIME COMES,
IT SHALL
FIND YOU.



I CAN'T
STAND
THAT.

GOD
ONLY
KNOWS,
HUH?



IN
ANY CASE,
IT IS
BEYOND
HUMAN
WILL.



...WISH
THAT IT
LEAVE
YOUR
HAND.

EVEN IF,
TO YOU,
THIS IS A
BEACON
FOR
REVENGE...

...I
FERVENTLY...



DON'T GO
CARRYIN'
MY BETCHI
AROUND
WITHOUT
ASKIN'!



...TO DO
ANYTHING
WITH IT
JUST YET.

WELL
...
...I
DON'T
PLAN
...



YOU KNEW
I'D BE
PASSING
THROUGH,
BUT
WHO--

OH,
YEAH.



STOP,
STOP!

AHH!

...FOR ONE
TO ARRIVE
AS A PERSON,
CLAD IN THE
ETHEREAL
BODY CALLED
EGO.

PERHAPS IN
THAT DOMAIN, IT IS
UNATTAINABLE...

...AND THAT AS
REINCARNATIONS...

...THEY ARE
THE EXECUTORS
OF THE WILL
OF SOMETHING
LURKING IN THE
DISTANT ABYSS
OF THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

I MEAN,
I'M THE
ONE TAKIN'
CARE OF
HIM.

RIGHT.

IT'S
YOURS
?

ONE
MORE
THING.

I BETCHA
DON'T KNOW
BETCHI'S
FAVORITE FOOD.
IT'S CHEESE.

THAT IS ONE
OF THE GREAT
MYSTERIES
FOR THOSE
OF US WHO
EXPLORE
THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

THE
GODHAND.

WHAT I
DO KNOW IS
THAT THEY
WERE ONCE
HUMAN...

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE
THEY?



I'M
SORRY I
CAN'T BE
OF USE.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT, I'M
JUST COUNTIN'
ON THE
TALISMANS.
I'LL GO TAKE
A BATH TOO.



WHAT
A CLOUD
OF
WORDS.

MAN
OH
MAN...

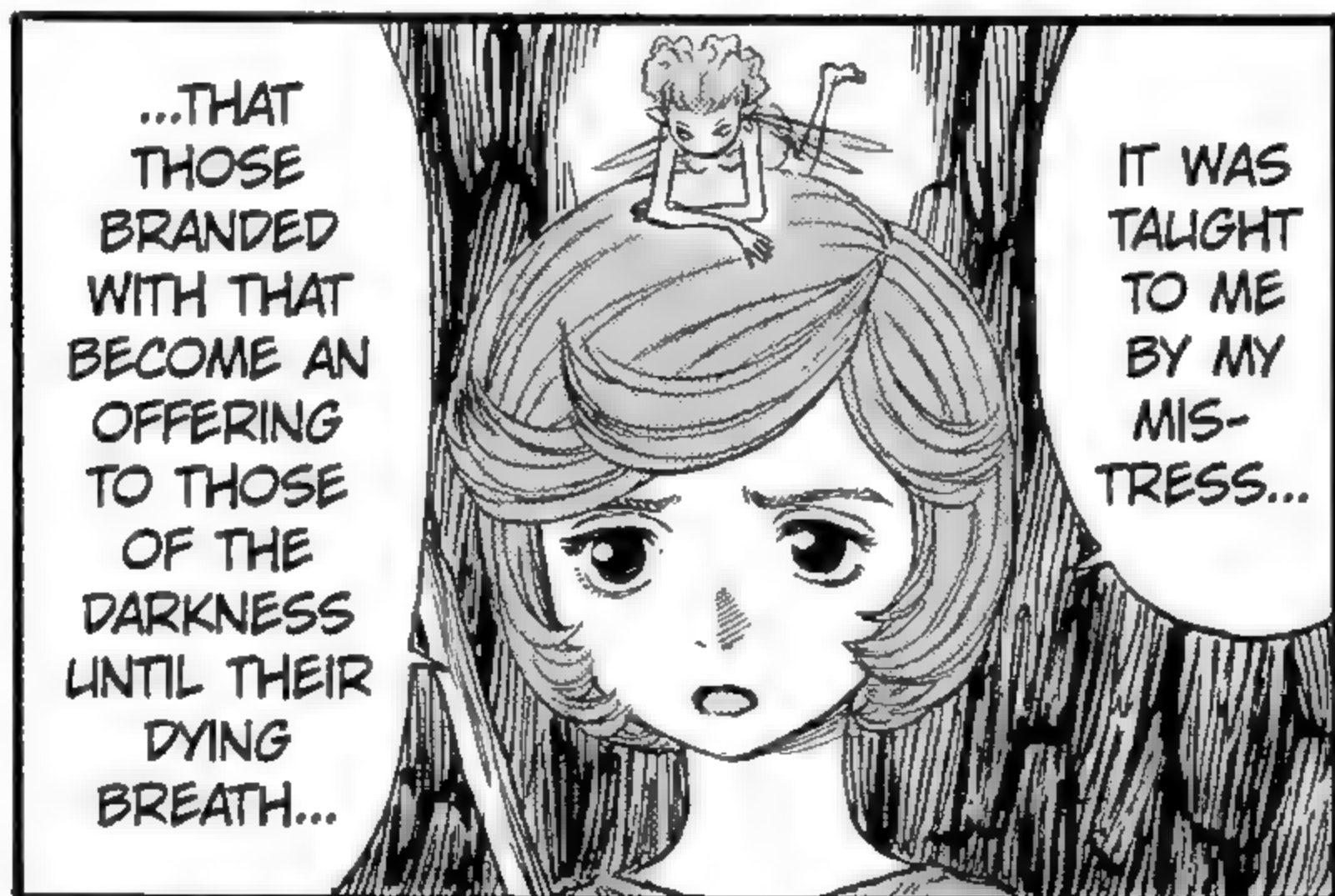


...DO
THE BEST
YOU CAN
TOMOR-
ROW.

WELL...



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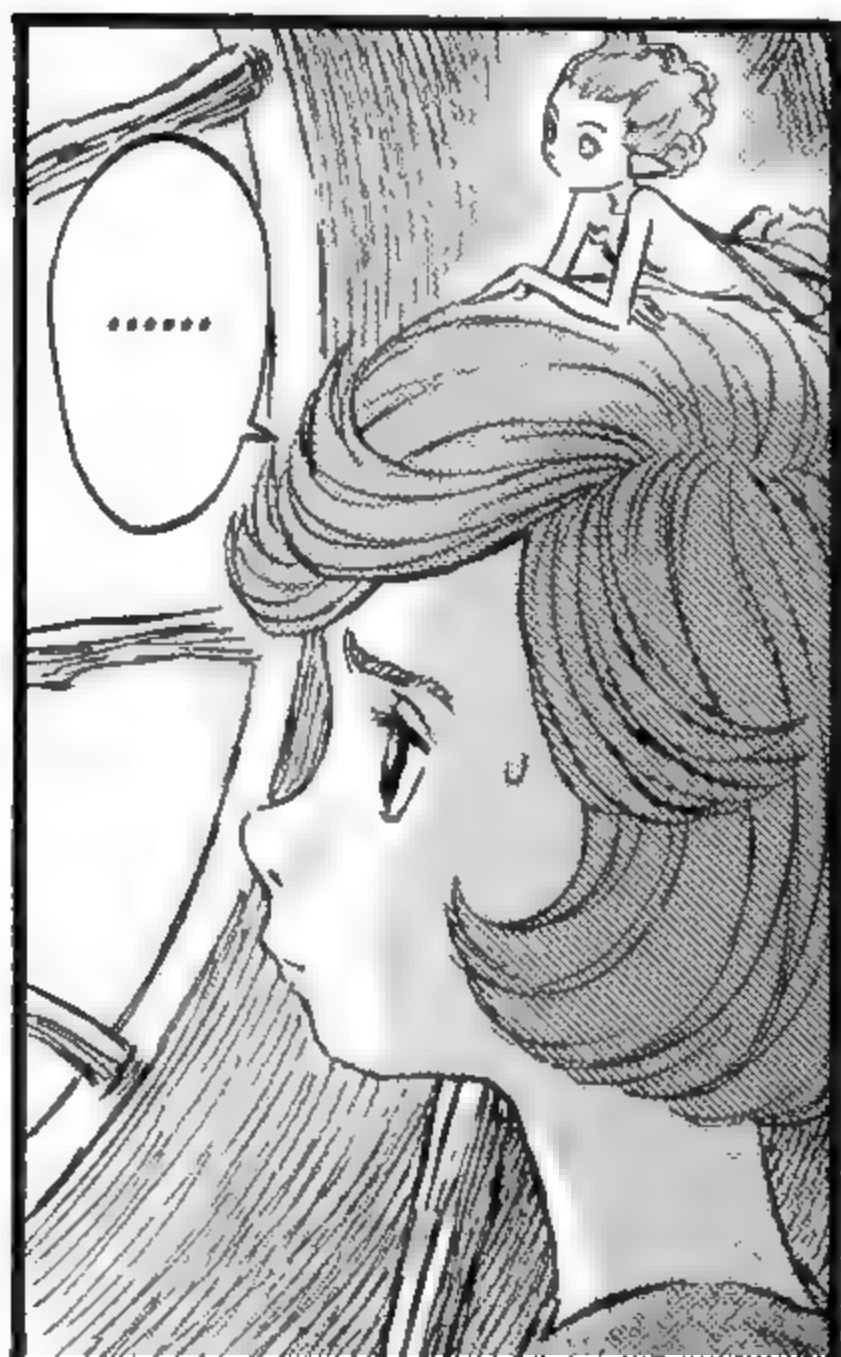


...THAT
THOSE
BRANDED
WITH THAT
BECOME AN
OFFERING
TO THOSE
OF THE
DARKNESS
UNTIL THEIR
DYING
BREATH...

IT WAS
TAUGHT
TO ME
BY MY
MIS-
TRESS...



THAT...
IS THE
BRAND OF
SACRIFICE.



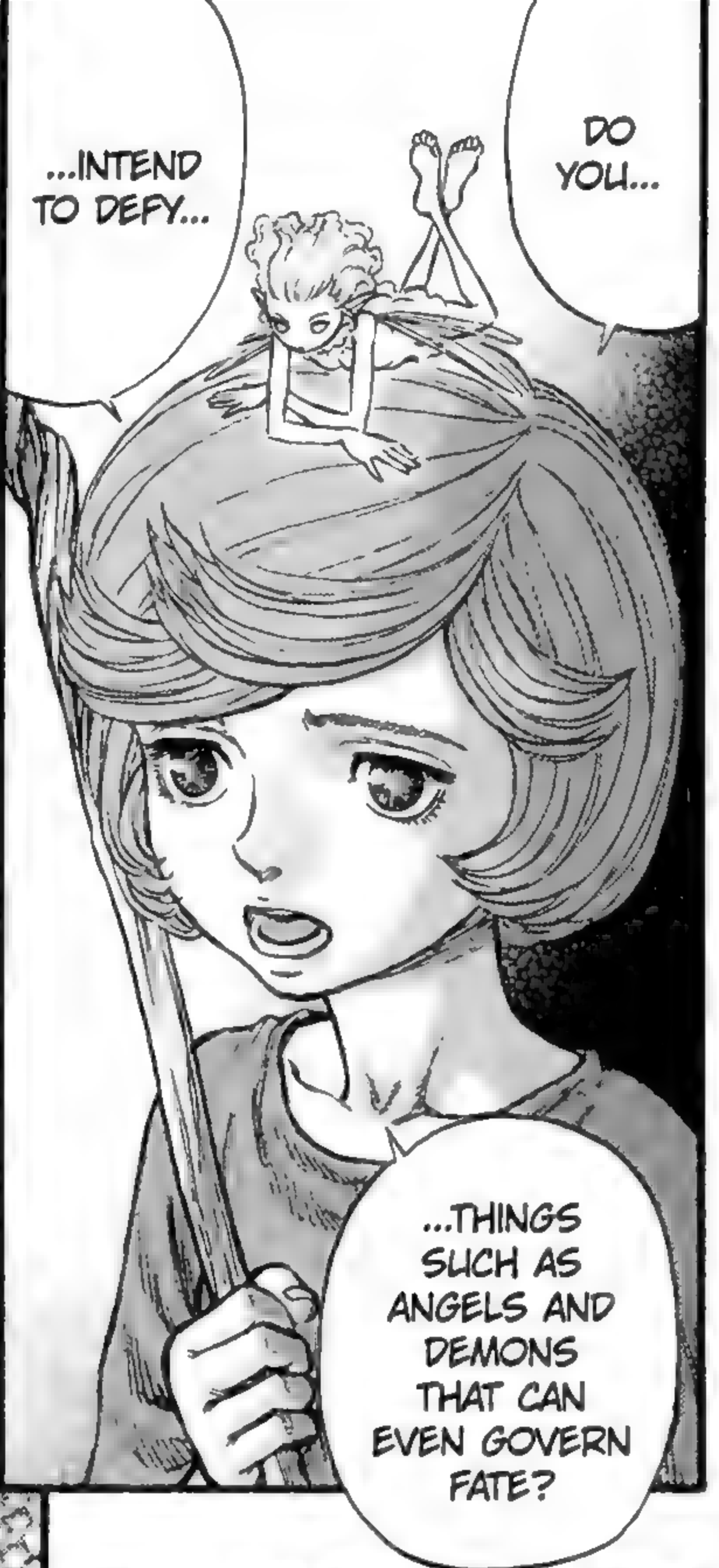
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ONE
DAY...

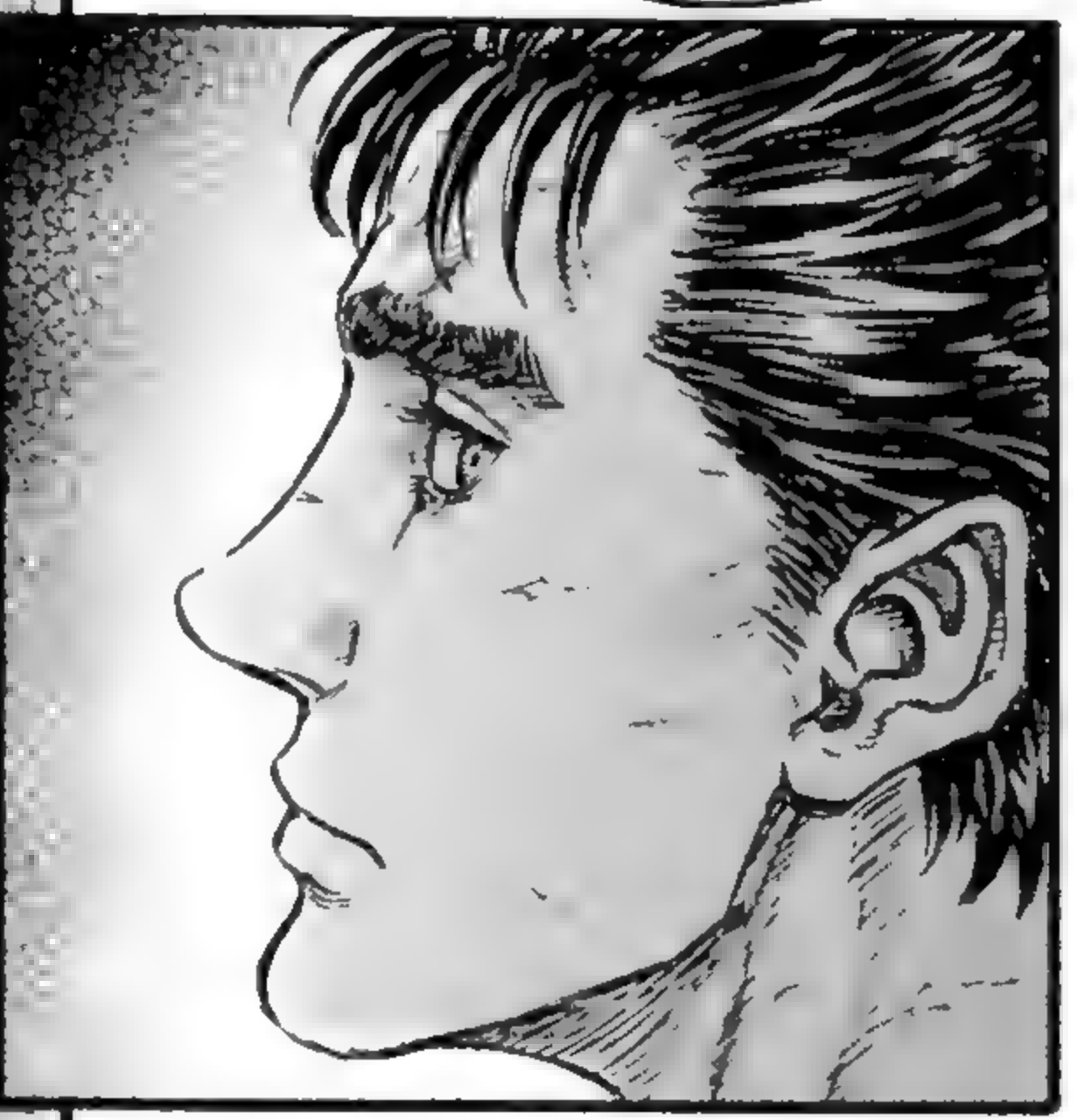
...I'LL HAVE
TO HIT 'EM
WHERE IT
HURTS.



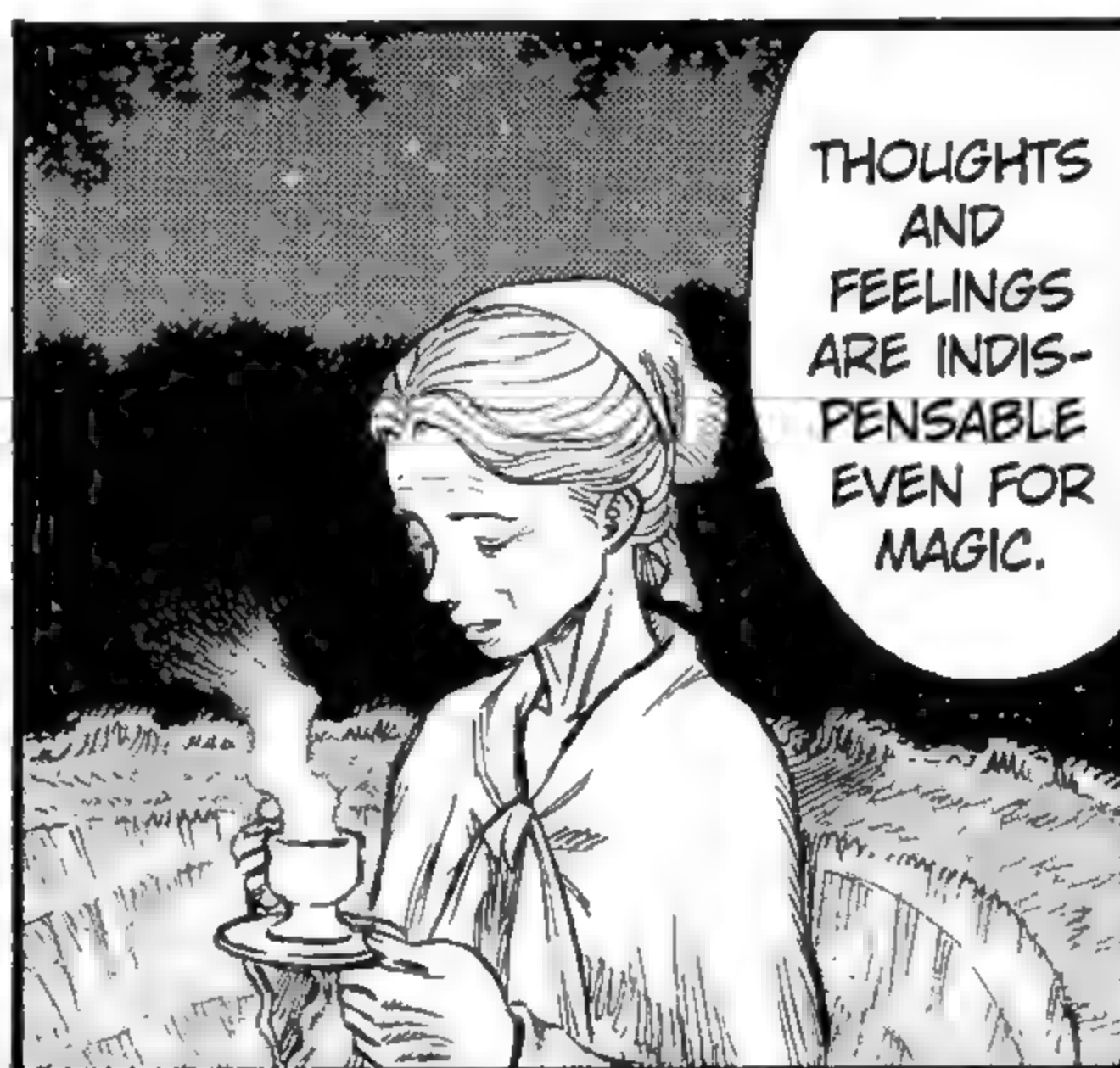
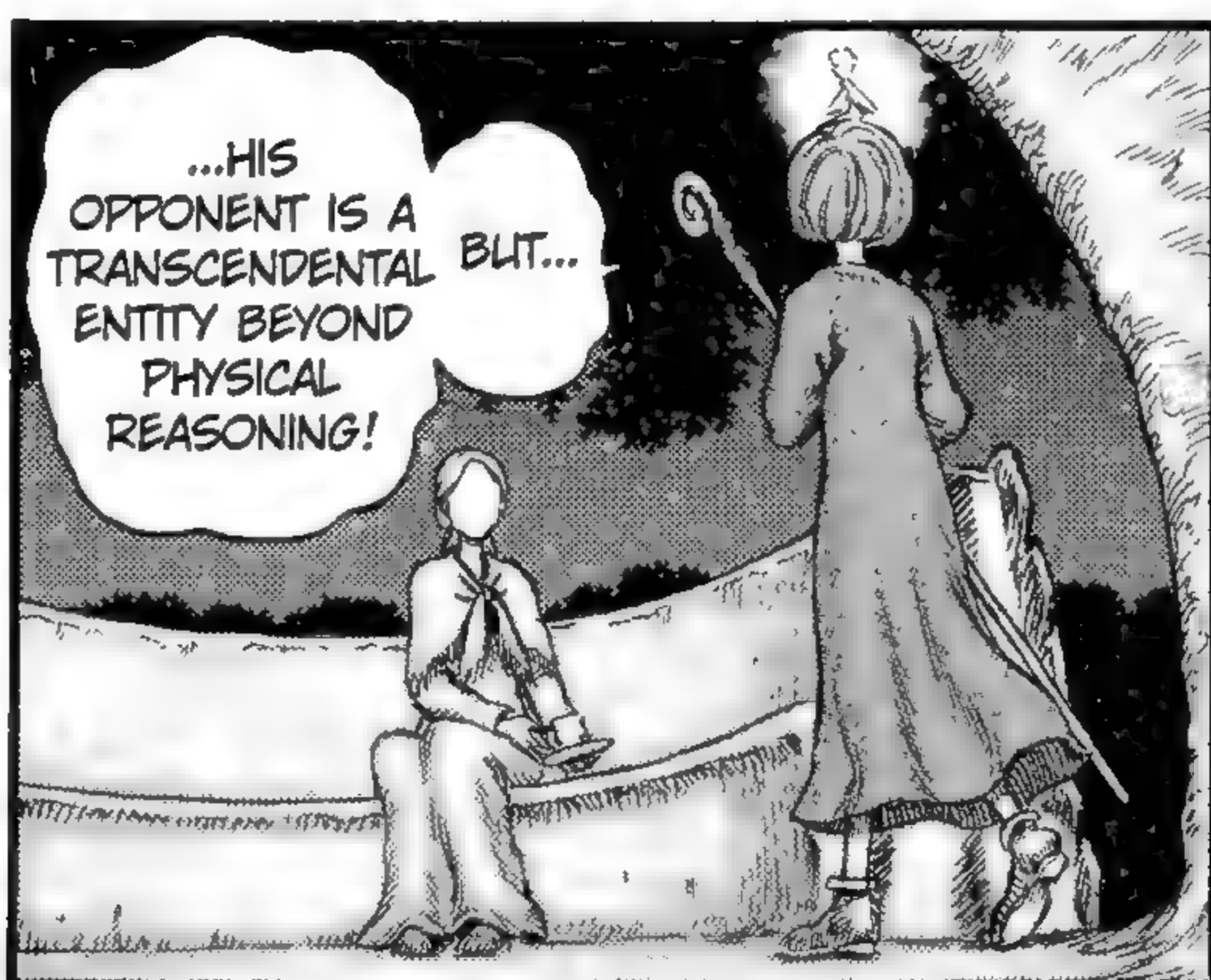
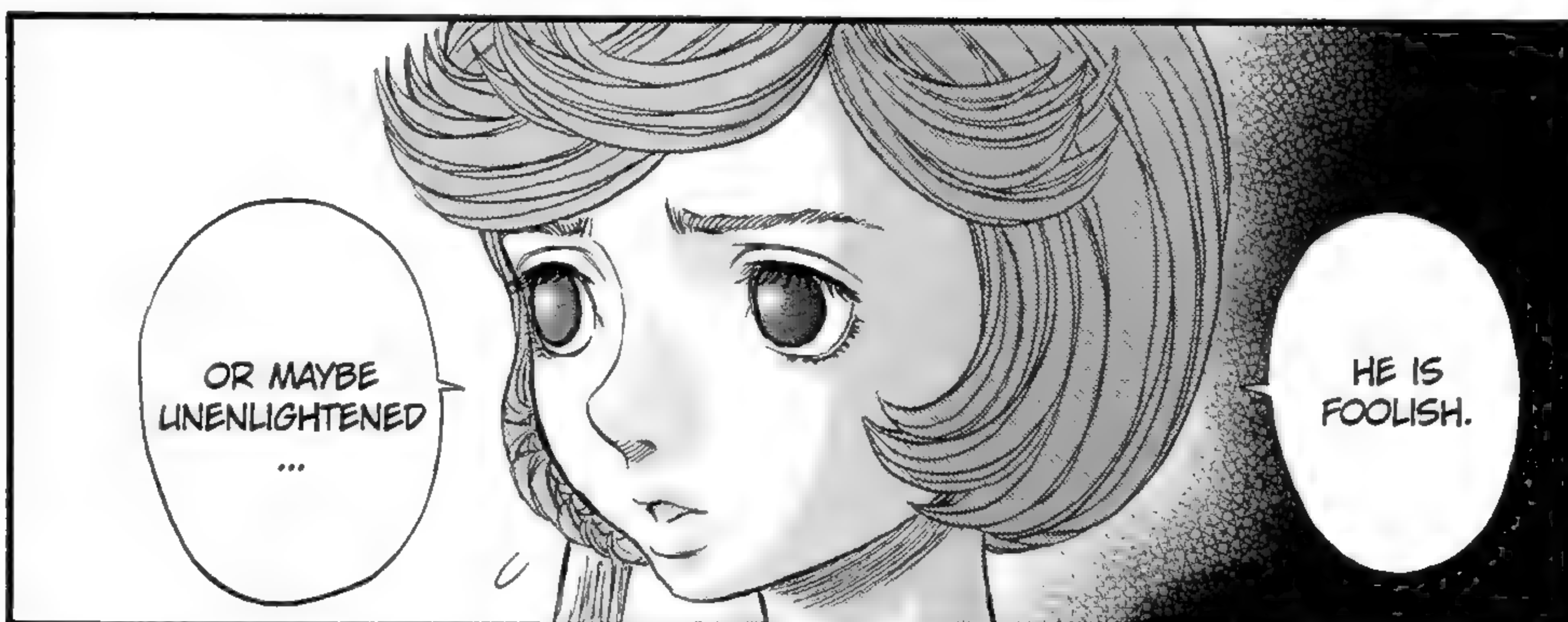
...INTEND
TO DEFY...

DO
YOU...

...THINGS
SUCH AS
ANGELS AND
DEMONS
THAT CAN
EVEN GOVERN
FATE?



YOU
GOT IT.



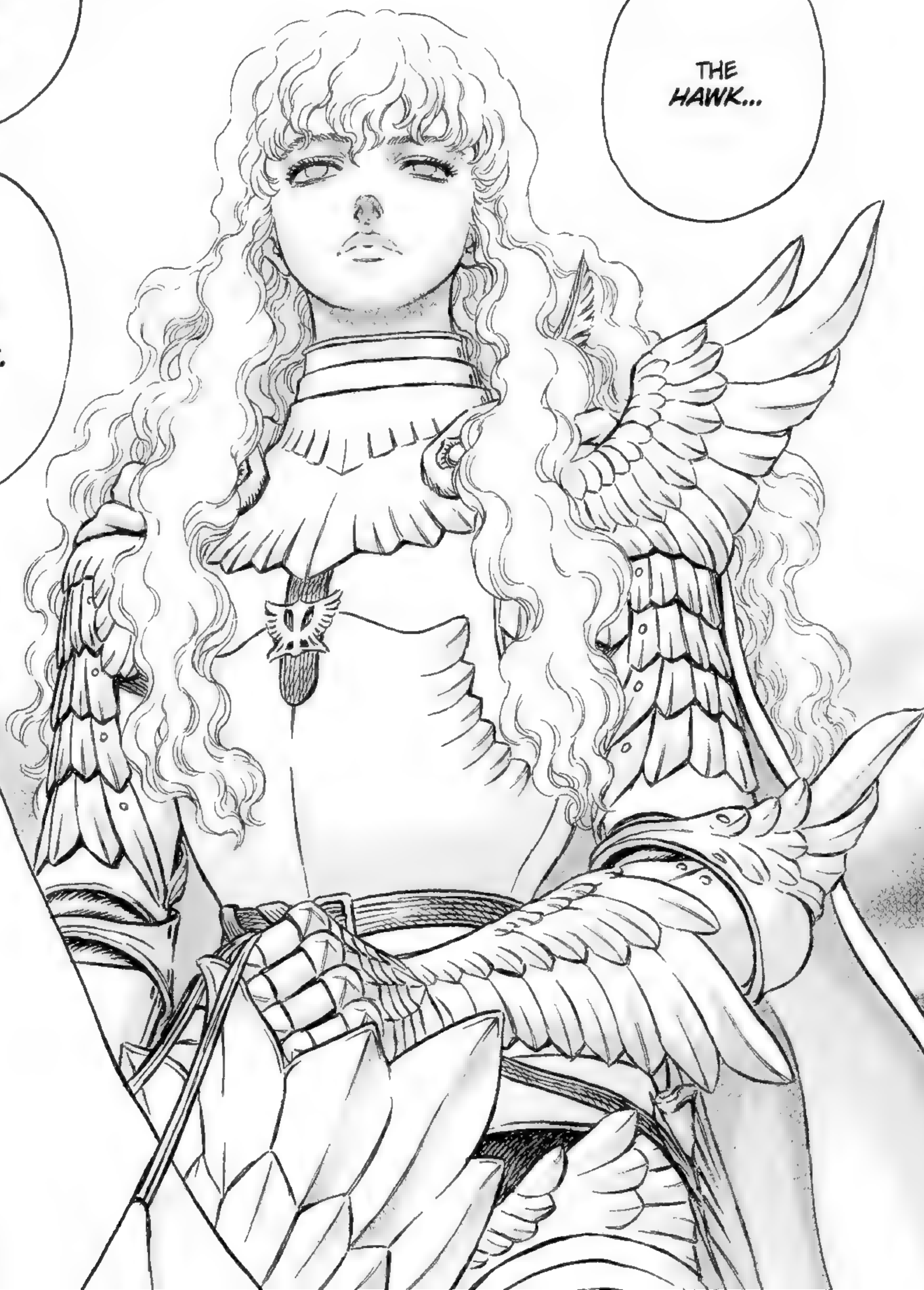
HE APPEARS
TO BE HUMAN,
BUT SPIRITUALLY
HE CANNOT
BE CALLED
THAT.

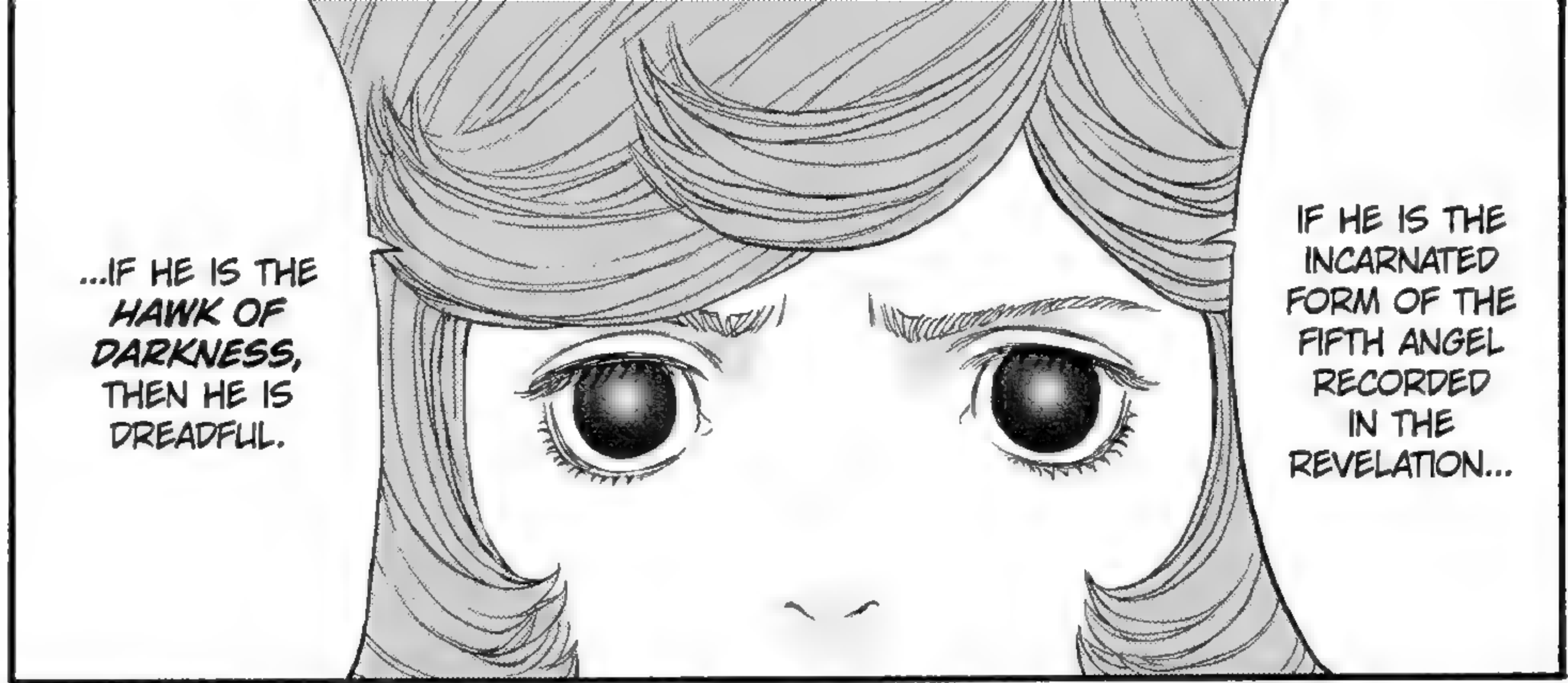
AN
EXISTENCE
THAT NO
ONE IN THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD
CAN RIVAL
ALONE.

AN ENORMOUS
FLOW OF OD THAT
ENGULFS AND
CHARMS PEOPLE.
A FORTUNE SO
STRONG THAT NO
BLADE OF THE
PHYSICAL WORLD
CAN TOUCH HIM.

THE
HAWK...

SURELY HE
IS THE
ABSOLUTE.





...IF HE IS THE
**HAWK OF
DARKNESS,**
THEN HE IS
DREADFUL.

IF HE IS THE
INCARNATED
FORM OF THE
FIFTH ANGEL
RECORDED
IN THE
REVELATION...



...WHO WAS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR
BRANDING
HIM.

IT WAS
THAT HAWK
HIMSELF...



BUT DOES
NOT THAT
KNOWLEDGE
ITSELF
SOMETIMES
RENDER US
BLIND?

WE MAGI
HAPPEN TO
POSSESS,
MORE THAN
MOST PEOPLE,
KNOWLEDGE
OF THE MANY
POWERS
IMMANENT
TO THIS
WORLD.



THEN
ALL THE
MORE
REASON
...

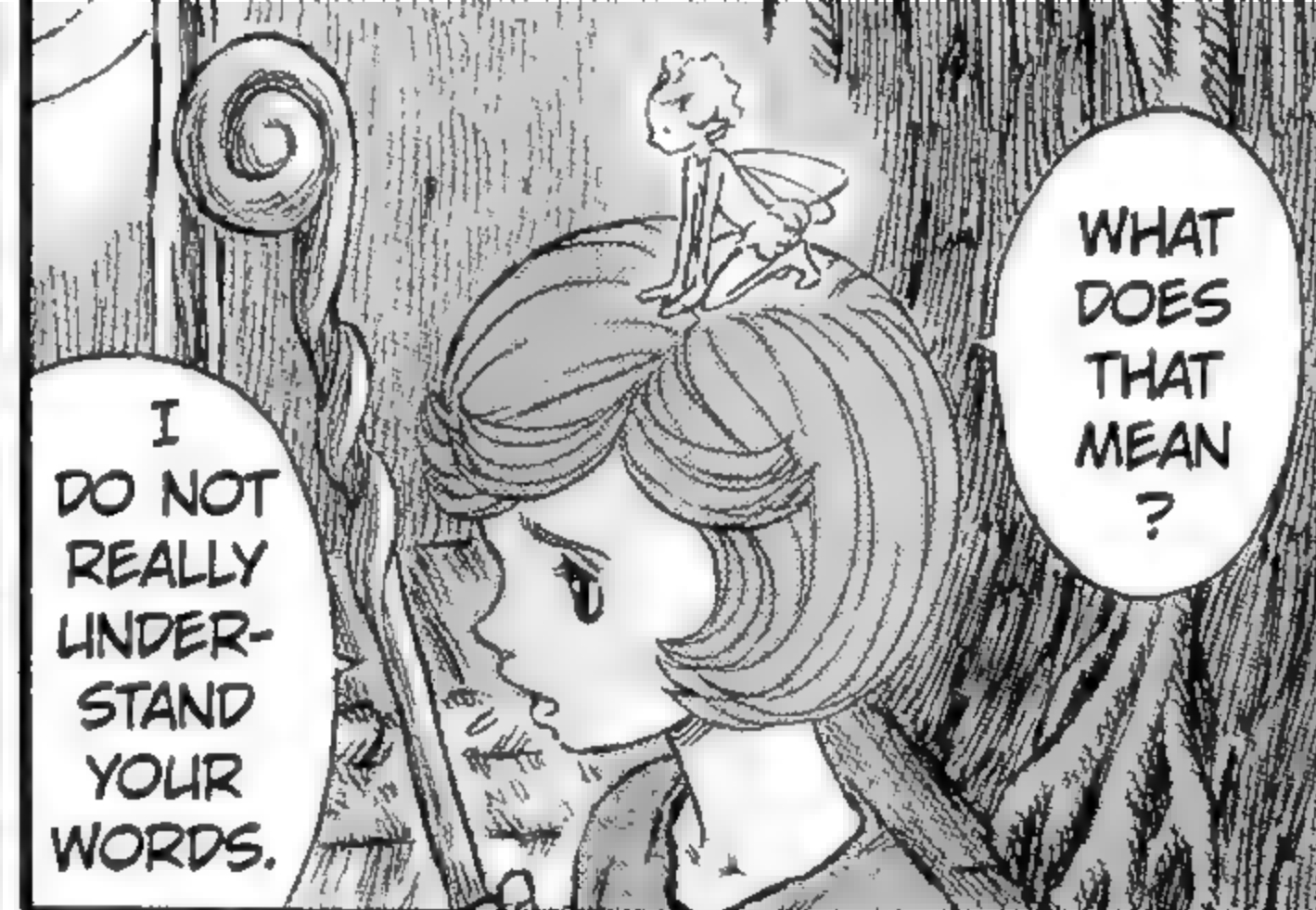
SCHIERKE.



...HE
IS STILL
ALIVE.

YOU
SEE...

!



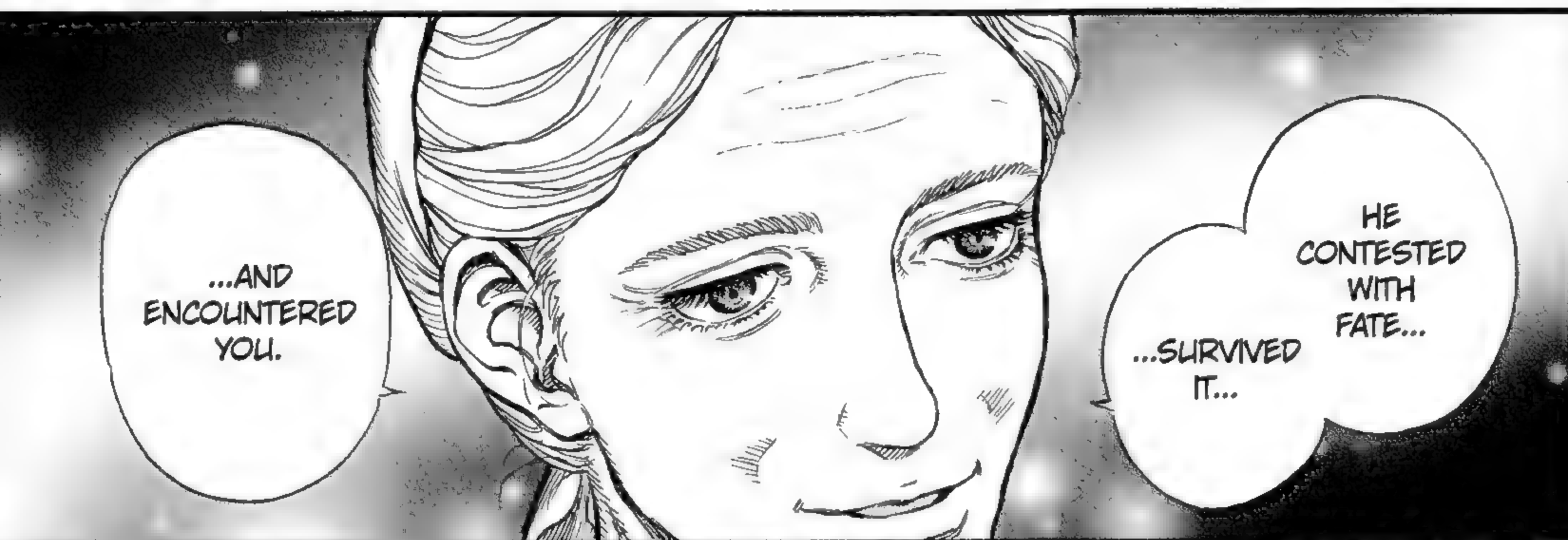
I
DO NOT
REALLY
UNDER-
STAND
YOUR
WORDS.

WHAT
DOES
THAT
MEAN
?



...BUT
LOOK
CLOSELY
AT THE
TRUTH
THAT IS
BEFORE
YOUR
EYES.

BE NOT
ENAMORED
SOLELY
WITH THE
WONDROUS
MARVELS
...



...AND
ENCOUNTERED
YOU.

...SURVIVED
IT...

HE
CONTESTED
WITH
FATE...



SCHIERKE.

THE
FAVORITE
DISCIPLE
OF FLORA,
WITCH OF THE
FOREST OF
THE SPIRIT
TREE.



GOD
BESTOWS
UPON US
FATE.

BUT IT
IS THE
CHILDREN
OF MEN
WHO
CHOOSE
IT.

THIS IS MY
BELIEF.



IT
IS YOU
WHO WILL
DECIDE
THAT.

YOU
WISH
FOR ME
TO AID
HIM?!



GO AND
WITNESS
WITH YOUR
OWN
EYES...

...THE
SIGNIFICANT
NATURE THIS
ENCOUNTER
WILL BEAR
FOR YOU.

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER

ELEMENTALS

エレメンタル
元素霊

THAT...
DOES IT.

SEALED WITH
PURIFICATION
SALT.

AGH...!
WHAT
THE--?

*FX: RUB

ARE YOU
READY
OVER
THERE?

I LOOK
FORWARD
TO THAT.

...BUT THE BRAND
SHOULD NOT ATTRACT
EVIL SPIRITS FOR
TWO OR THREE
DAYS.

IT IS
COMPLETE.
NOT ON
THE SAME
LEVEL
OF MY
MISTRESS'
TALISMANS
...

WHAT
IS THIS?
OINTMENT
?

THIS
STUFF
TINGLES.

IT'S
NOT
EDIBLE!

BOP

NOW IS
A GOOD
TIME TO
EXPLAIN
THE THINGS
I WILL
GIVE TO
YOU.



BECAUSE
IT DULLS
THE FIVE
SENSES,
IT MAKES
IT EASIER
TO PERCEIVE
ETHEREAL
BODIES.



WANNA
SEE IF
POISON
WORKS
ON
ELVES
OR
NOT?

WOLFS-
BANE
...

IT IS
CALLED FEMME
FATALE OINTMENT.
A KIND OF
NARCOTIC MIXED
FROM ALMOND
OIL, CELERY,
BELLADONNA,
WOLFSBANE,
AND THE LIKE.

THESE
ARE...?

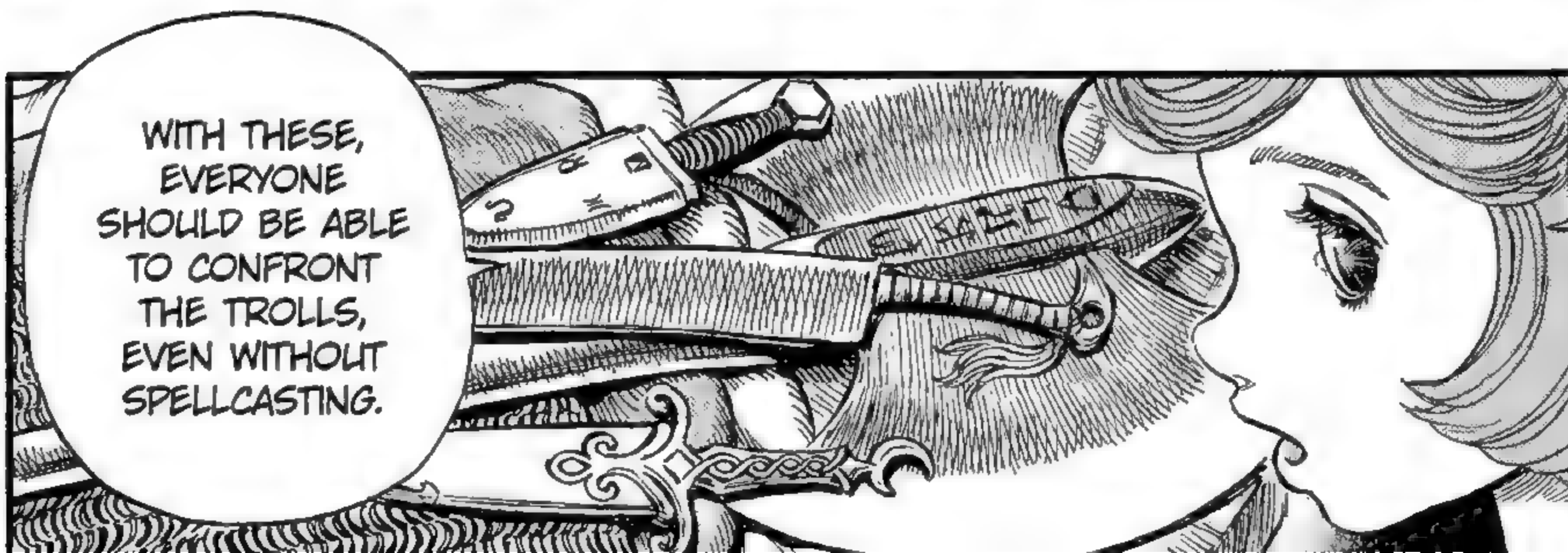


THEY ARE
MAGIC ARMS
GRANTED THE
PROTECTION OF
THE SPIRITS.

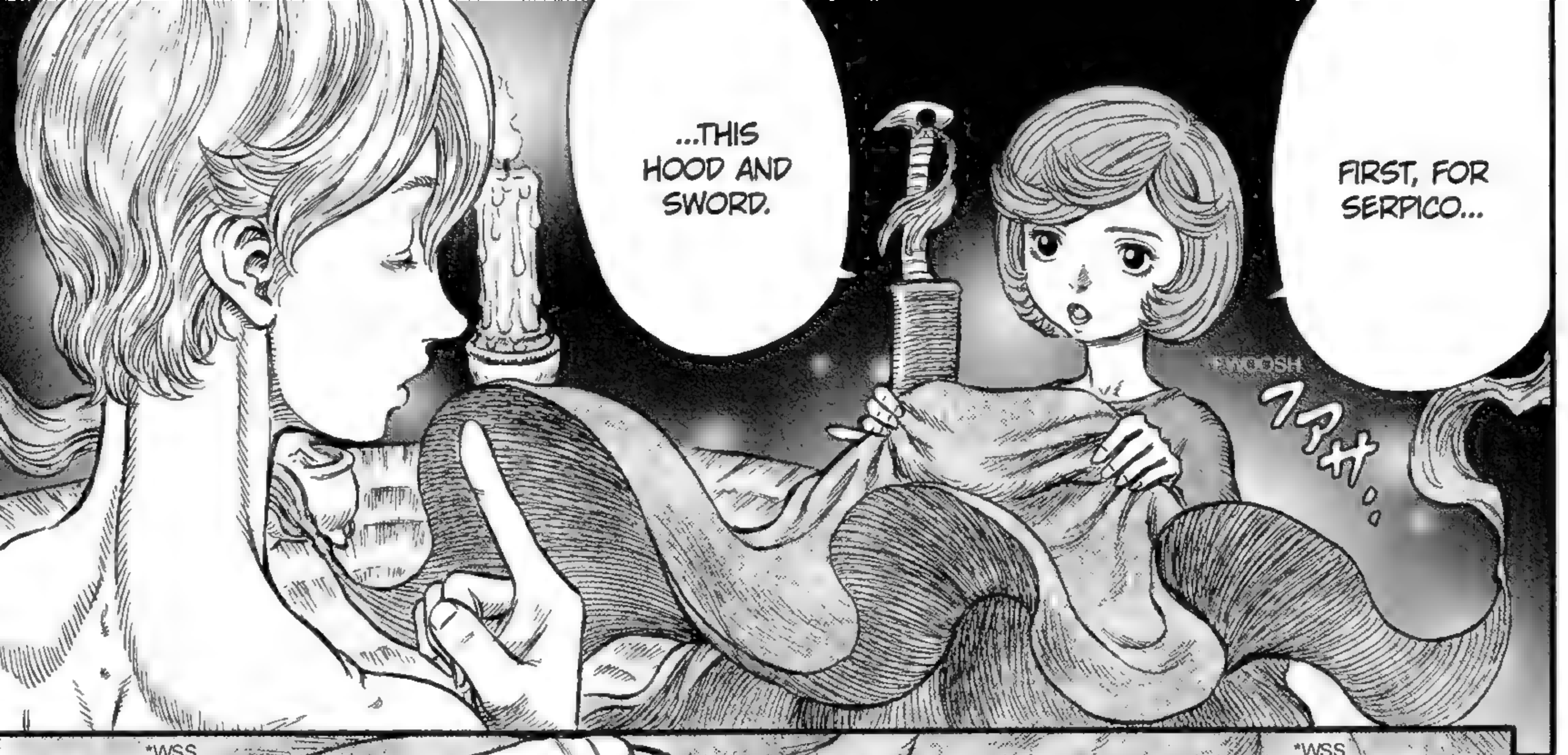
MAGIC
FETISHES.



WITH THESE,
EVERYONE
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO CONFRONT
THE TROLLS,
EVEN WITHOUT
SPELLCASTING.

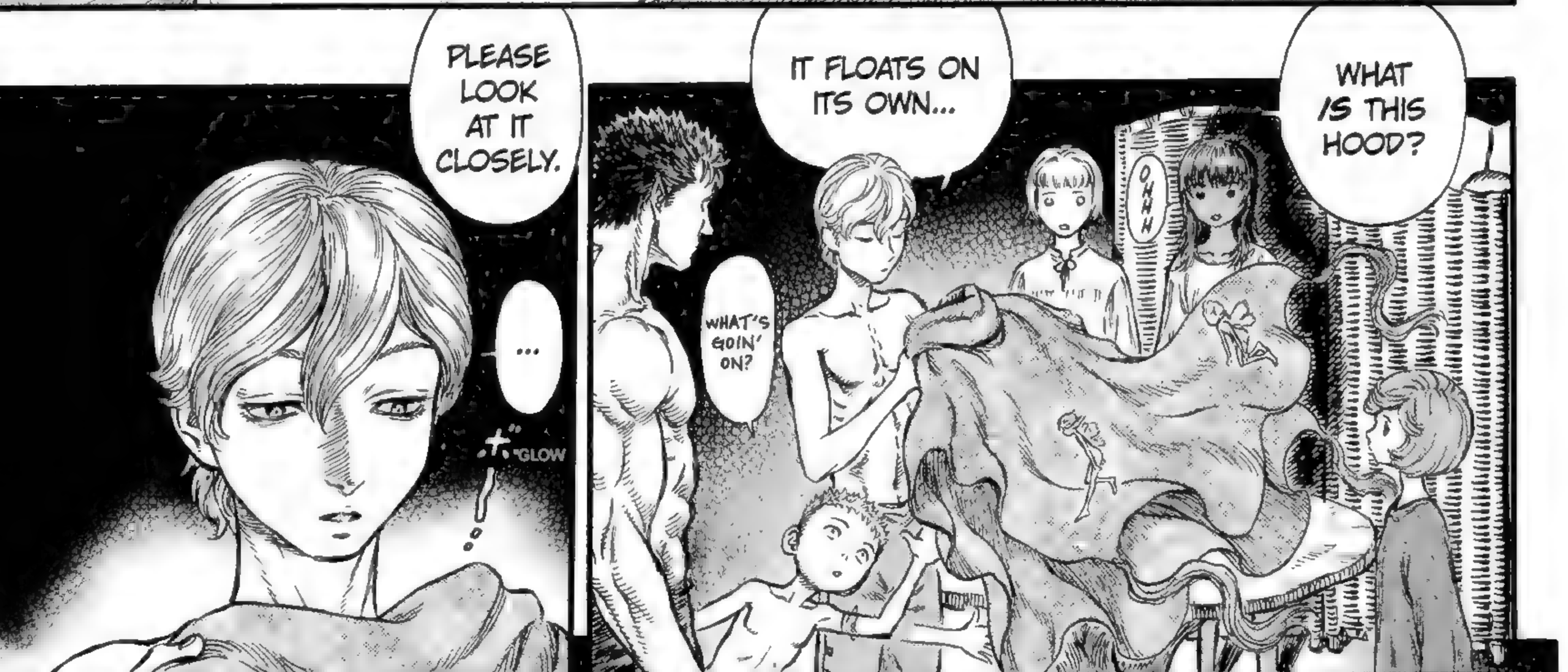
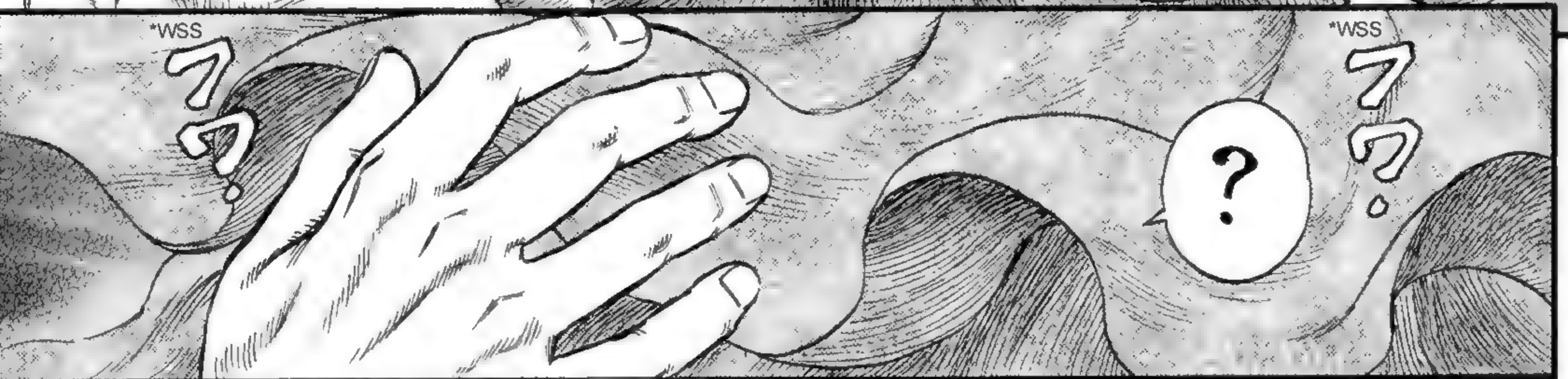


I BORROWED
THEM FROM MY
MISTRESS.



...THIS
HOOD AND
SWORD.

FIRST, FOR
SERPICO...



PLEASE
LOOK
AT IT
CLOSELY.

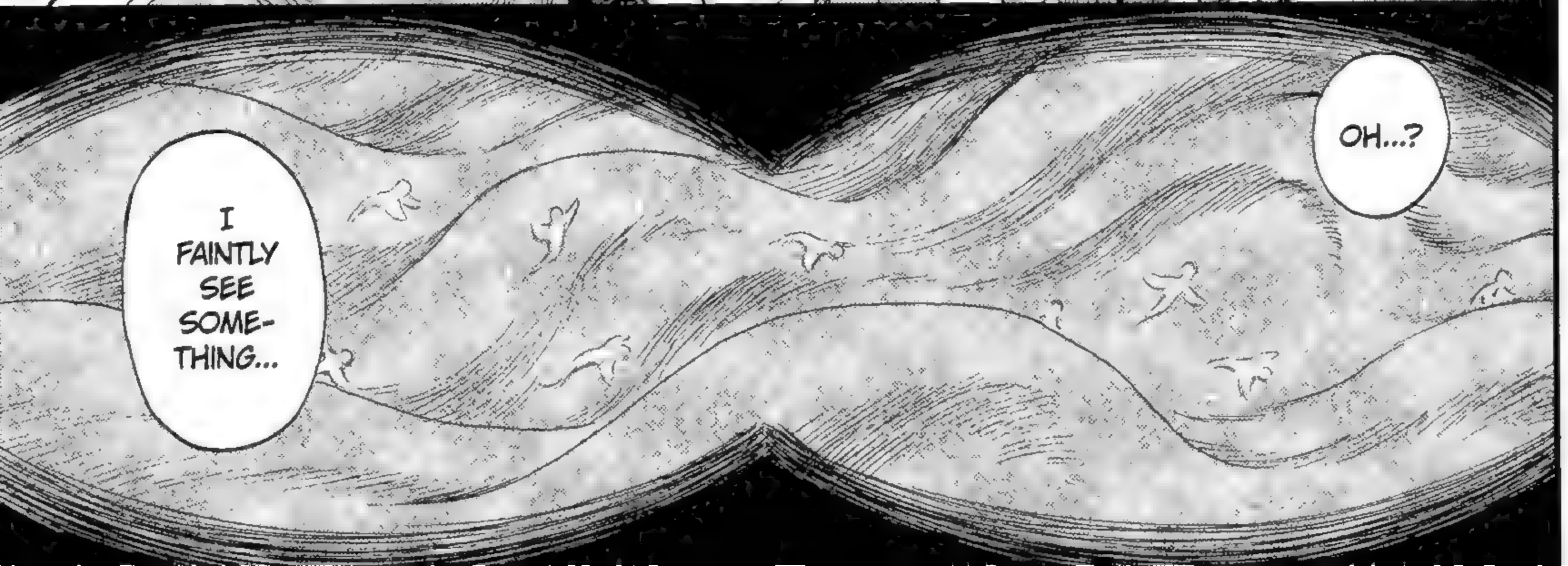
IT FLOATS ON
ITS OWN...

WHAT
IS THIS
HOOD?

WHAT'S
GOIN'
ON?

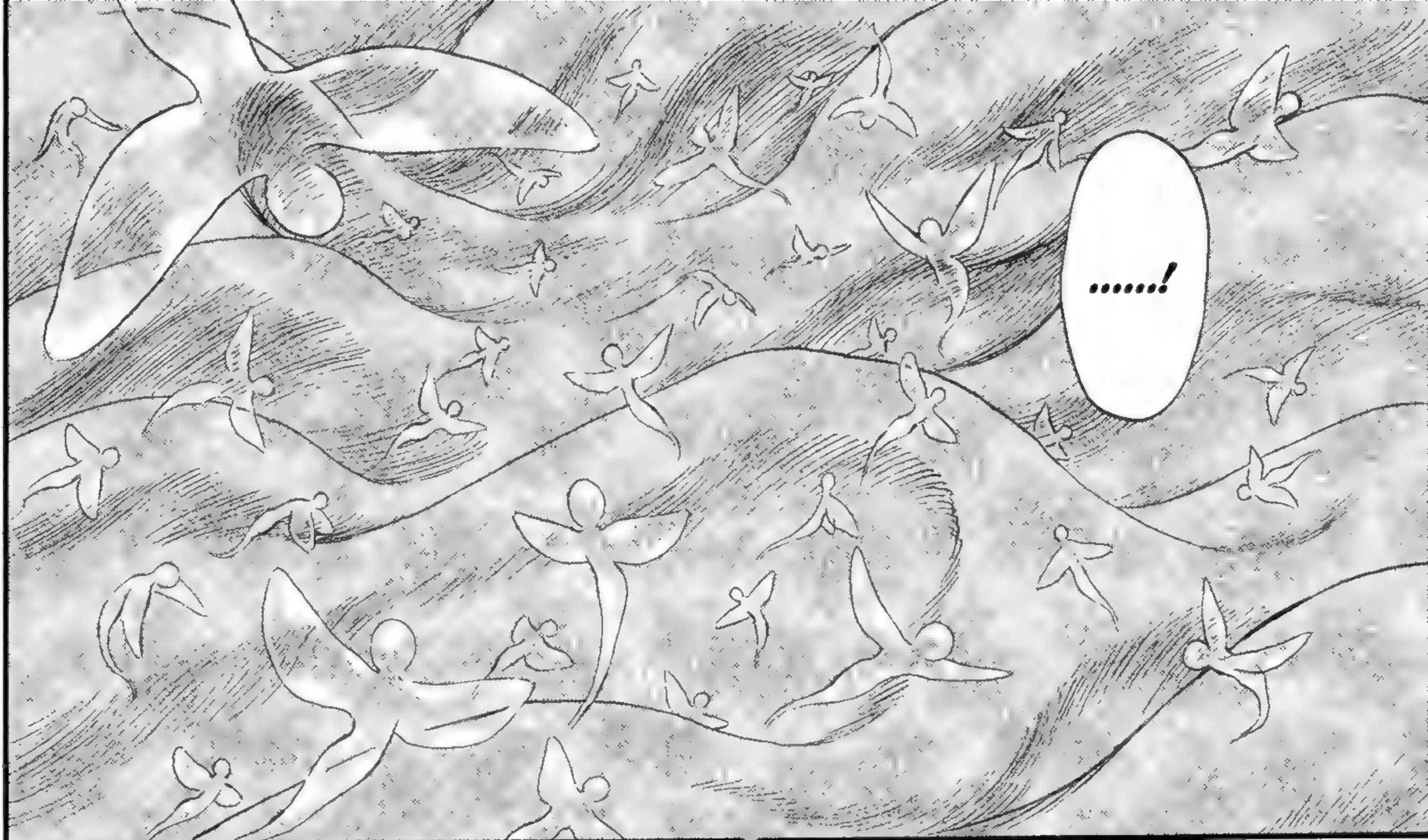
...

*GLOW



I
FAINTLY
SEE
SOME-
THING...

OH...?

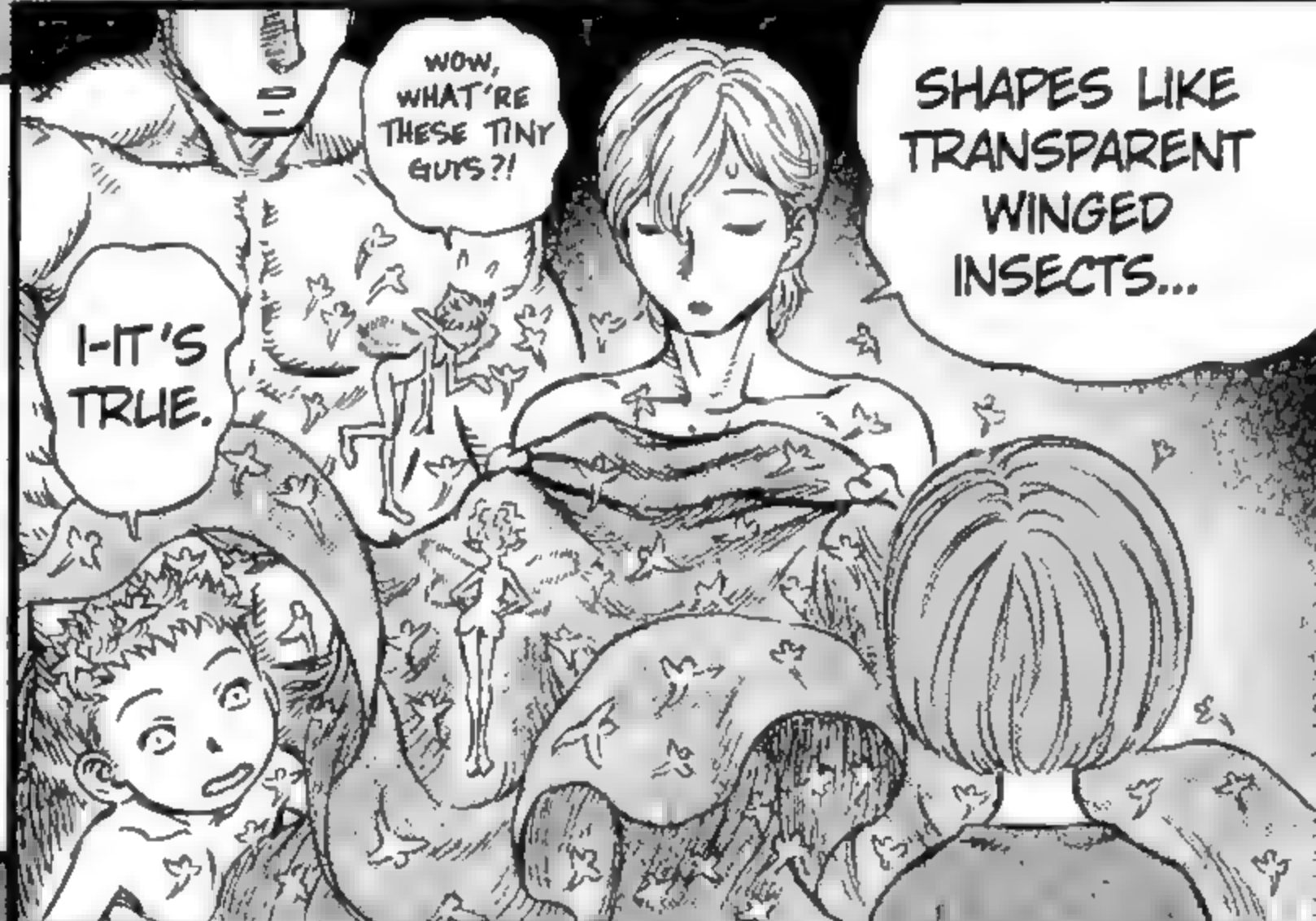


.....!



SYLPHS.

YES,
THESE
ARE WIND
ELEMEN-
TALS.



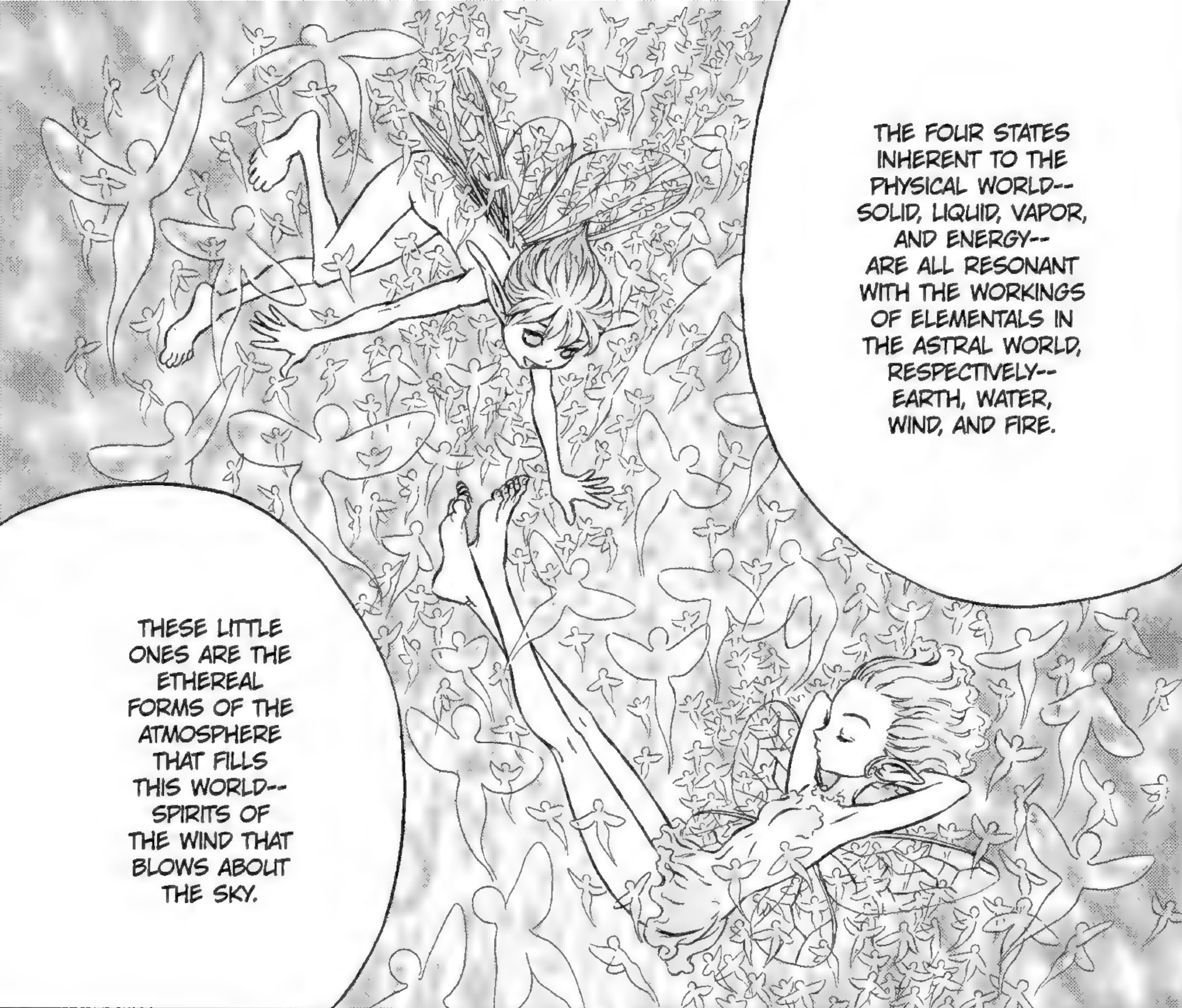
WOW,
WHAT'RE
THESE TINY
GUYS?!

SHAPES LIKE
TRANSPARENT
WINGED
INSECTS...

I-IT'S
TRUE.



ELEMENTALS.



THE FOUR STATES
INHERENT TO THE
PHYSICAL WORLD--
SOLID, LIQUID, VAPOR,
AND ENERGY--
ARE ALL RESONANT
WITH THE WORKINGS
OF ELEMENTALS IN
THE ASTRAL WORLD,
RESPECTIVELY--
EARTH, WATER,
WIND, AND FIRE.

THESE LITTLE
ONES ARE THE
ETHEREAL
FORMS OF THE
ATMOSPHERE
THAT FILLS
THIS WORLD--
SPIRITS OF
THE WIND THAT
BLOWS ABOUT
THE SKY.

**YOU MEAN I'M A
WIND SPIRIT?!**

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SHOCKIN' TRUTH!!
I'M NOT A CHESTNUT HEAD?!



I'M
THE SAME
THING AS
HIM...

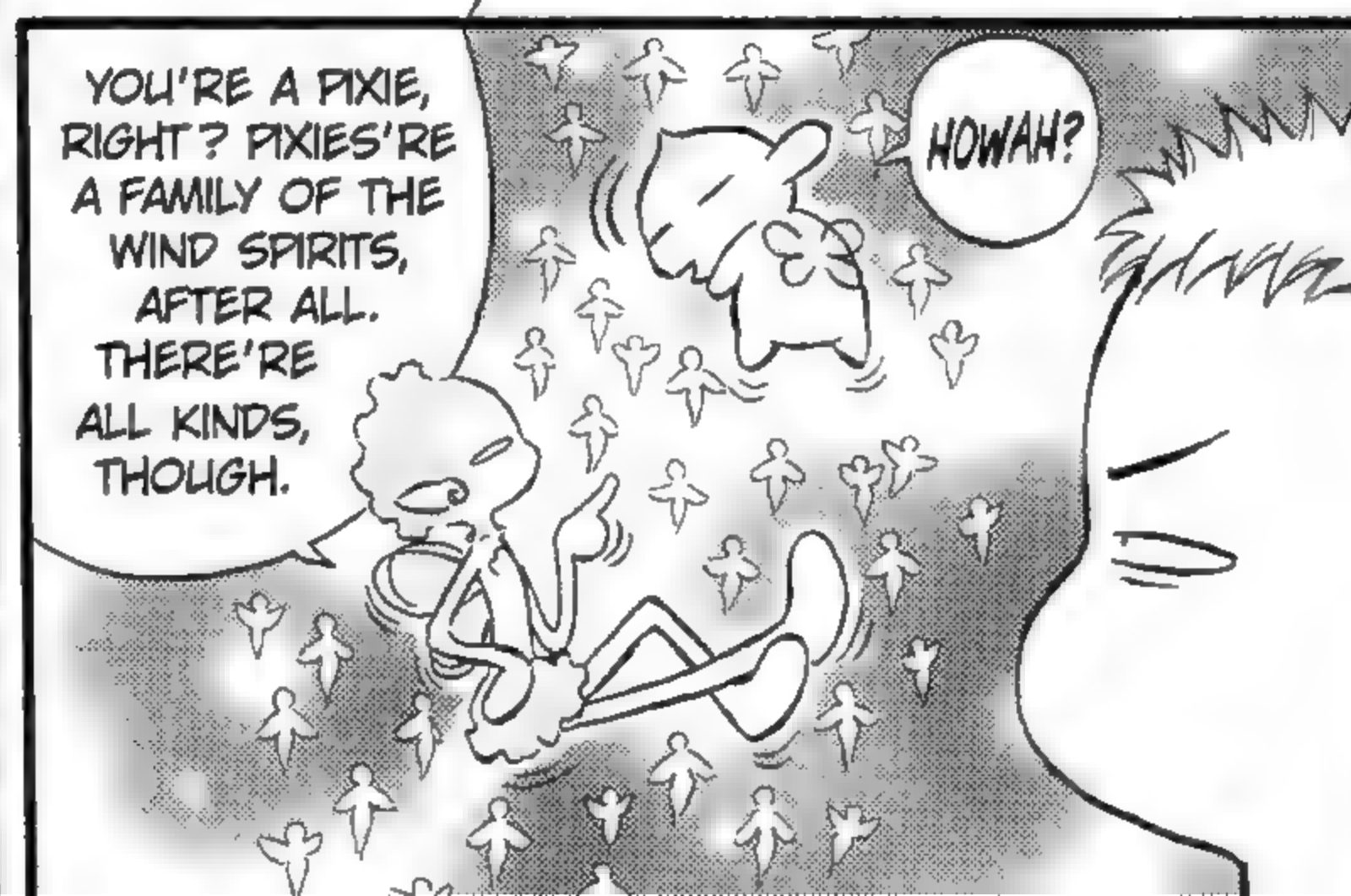
*WHONNNG



SO YOU
GUYS'RE
THE WIND
THAT ALWAYS
HELPS ME
OUT. I'M
PUCK.

HOW
'BOUT
THAT.

WHAT'RE YOU
TALKIN' ABOUT?
THEY'RE OUR
ANCESTORS.



YOU'RE A PIXIE,
RIGHT? PIXIES'RE
A FAMILY OF THE
WIND SPIRITS,
AFTER ALL.
THERE'RE
ALL KINDS,
THOUGH.

HOWAH?

ONE
SWING CAN
GENERATE A
WHIRLWIND...

ALSO
GRANTED
THE WIND'S
PROTECTION
IS THE
**SYLPH
SWORD.**

...THAT CAN
TEAR THE
ENEMY'S
FLESH
WITHOUT
EVEN
TOUCHING
IT.

THE
BLADE IS
MADE FROM
A WHITE-
SHOULDERED
EAGLE'S
FEATHER AND
THE HILT FROM
MISTLETOE
GROWING ON
THE HIGHEST
BRANCH IN
THE FOREST.

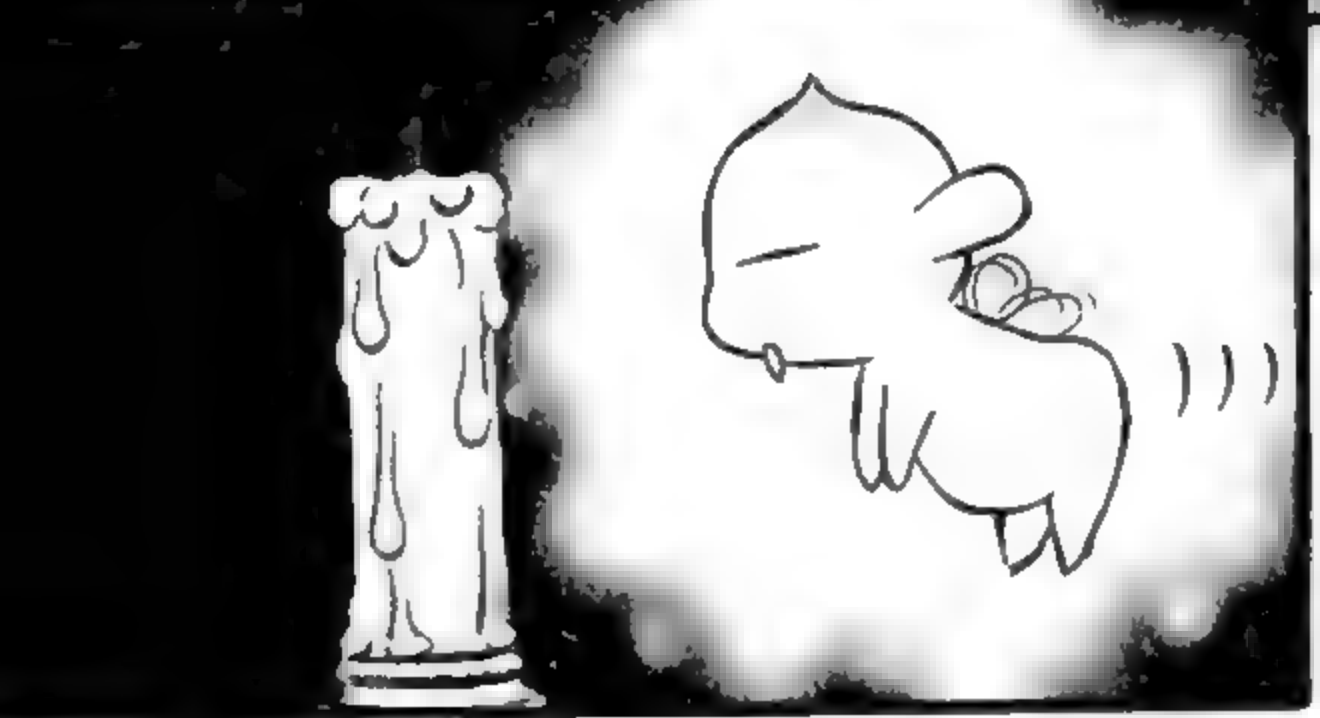
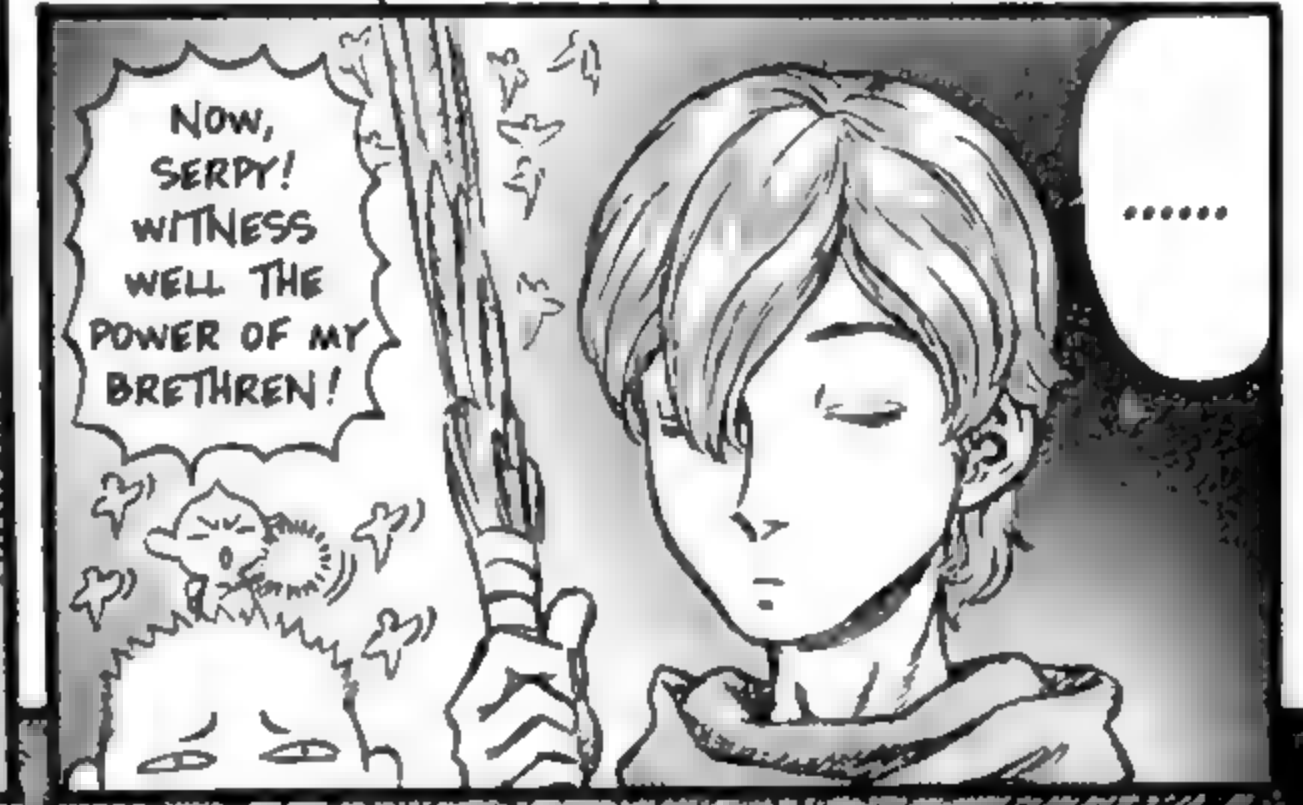
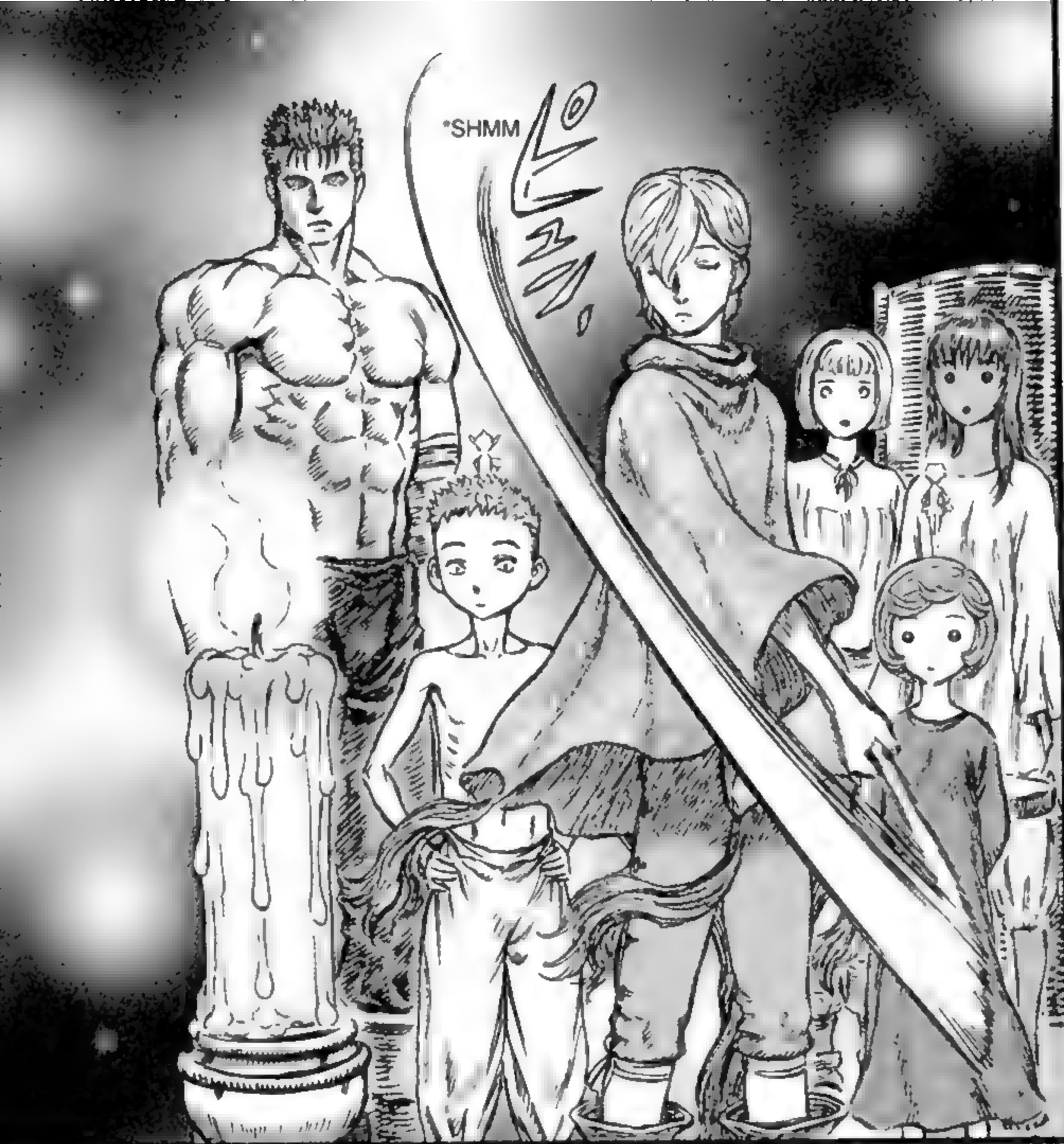
THIS...
IS A
SWORD?
OR A
FEATHER
DUSTER
...?

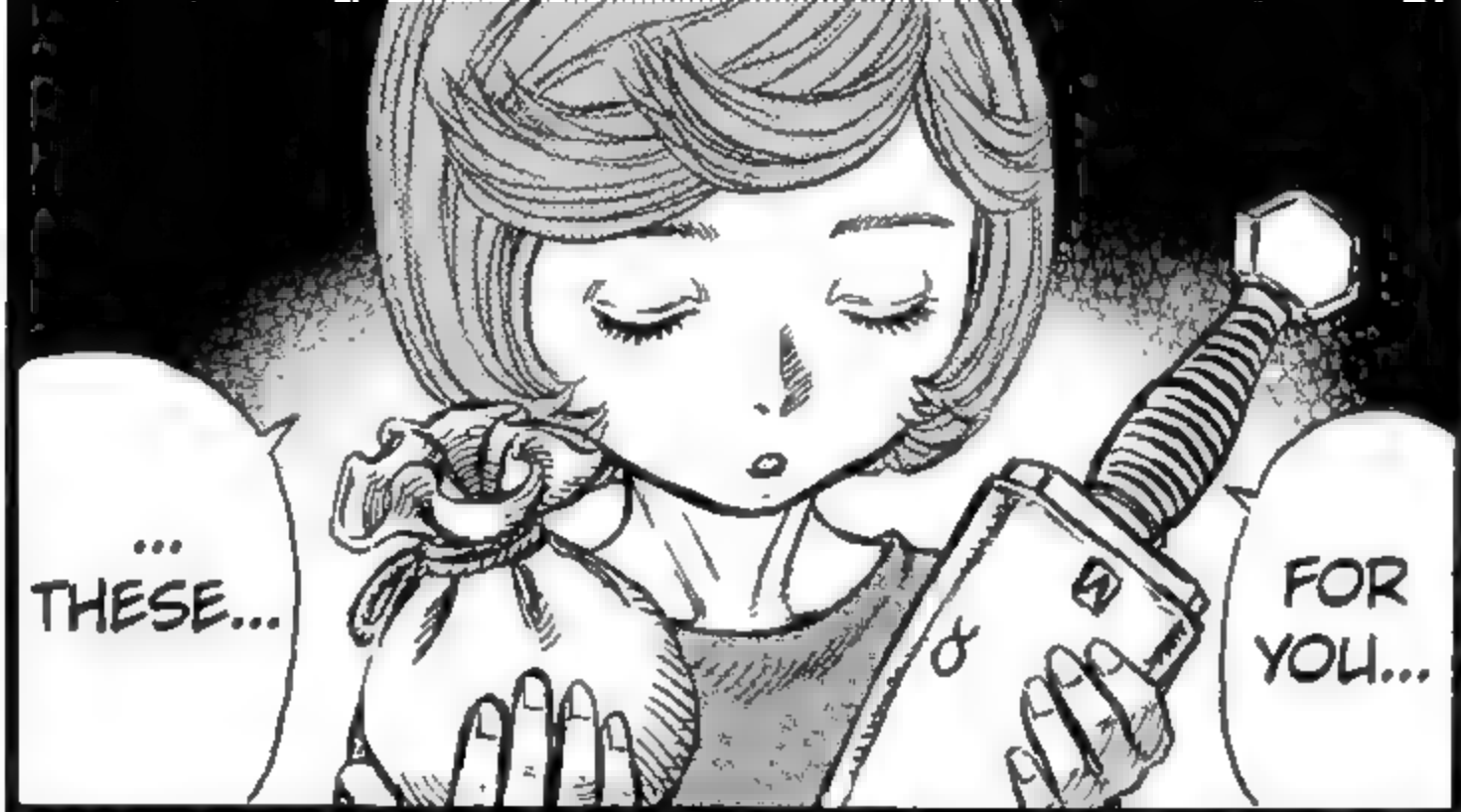
HE WHO
WEARS IT
IS CLAD IN
ATMOSPHERIC
CURRENT...

...AND CAN
SWEEP
ASIDE
SWORDS
AND
ARROWS.

THAT IS THE
SYLPH HOOD,
A FETISH
GRANTED THE
PROTECTION
OF THE
ELEMENTALS.







... THESE...

FOR YOU...



WE HAVE NO ARMS FOR CHILDREN TO USE HERE.

DON'T I GET A SWORD OR A SPEAR TOO?

EGHHH, A DAGGERRR?

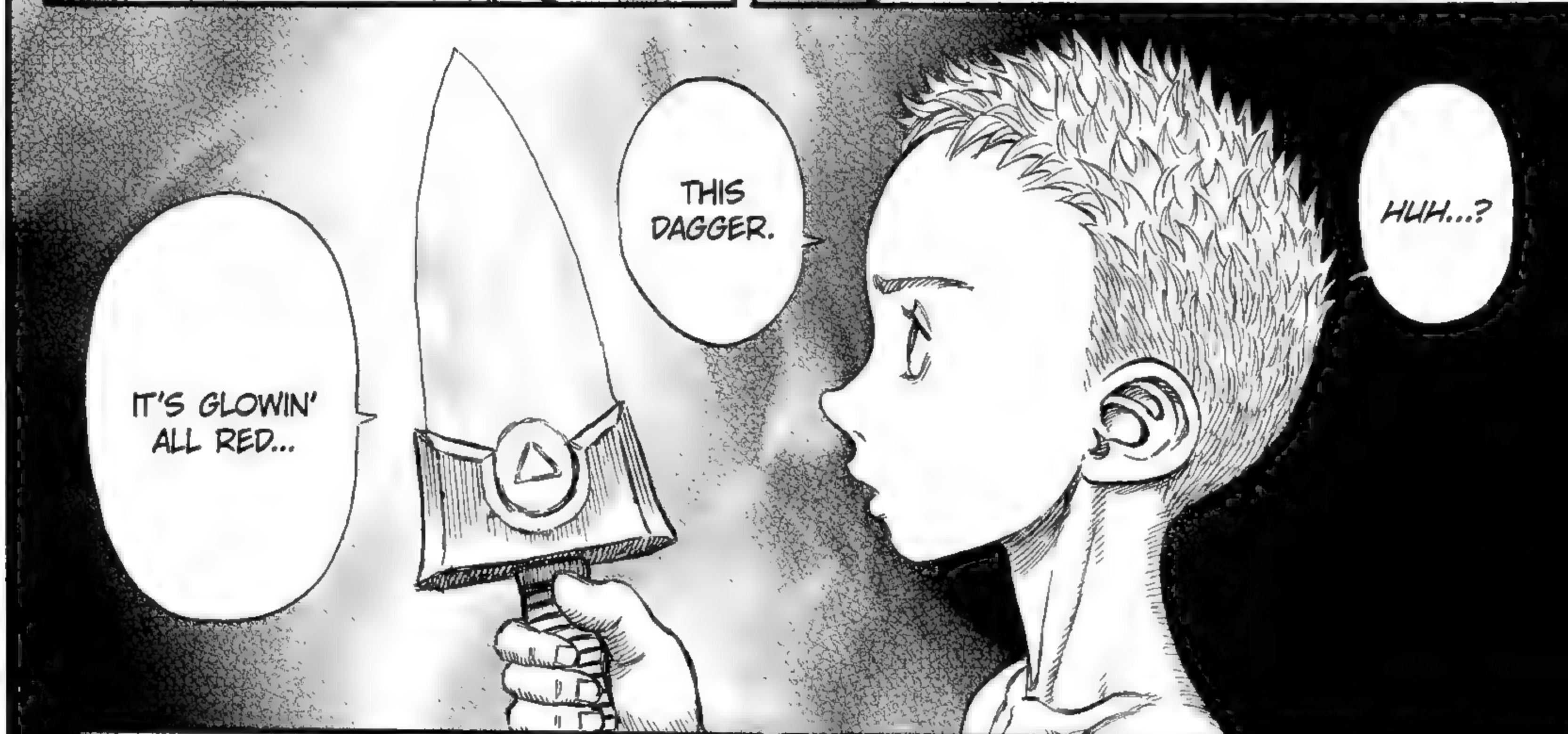


AIN'T MY TROOPS OVERWHELMIN'?!
SHO 'NUFF!

THIS IS QUITE HANDY.

OH NEAT!
OH NEAT!
WHERE'S MINE?
WHERE'S MINE?

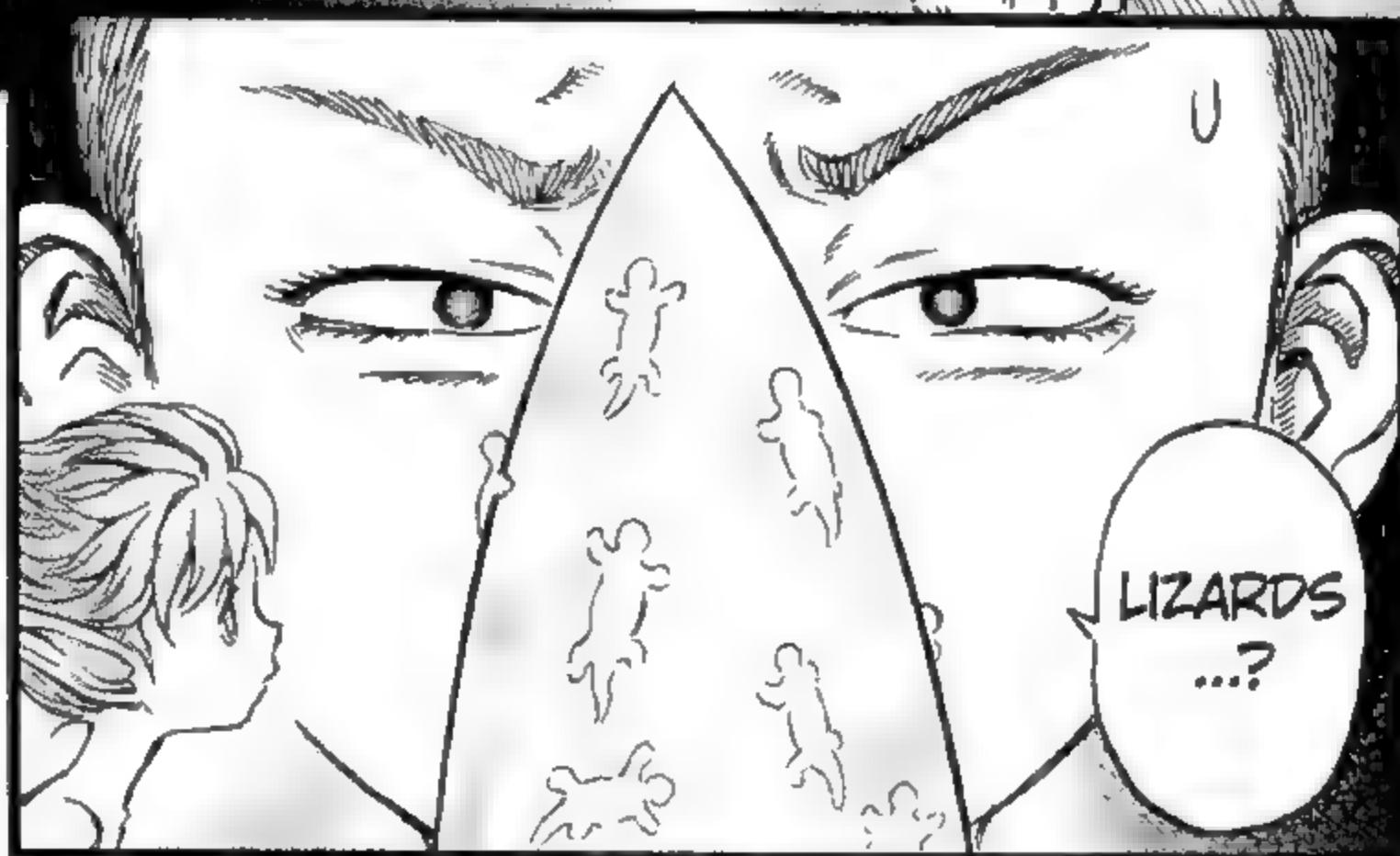
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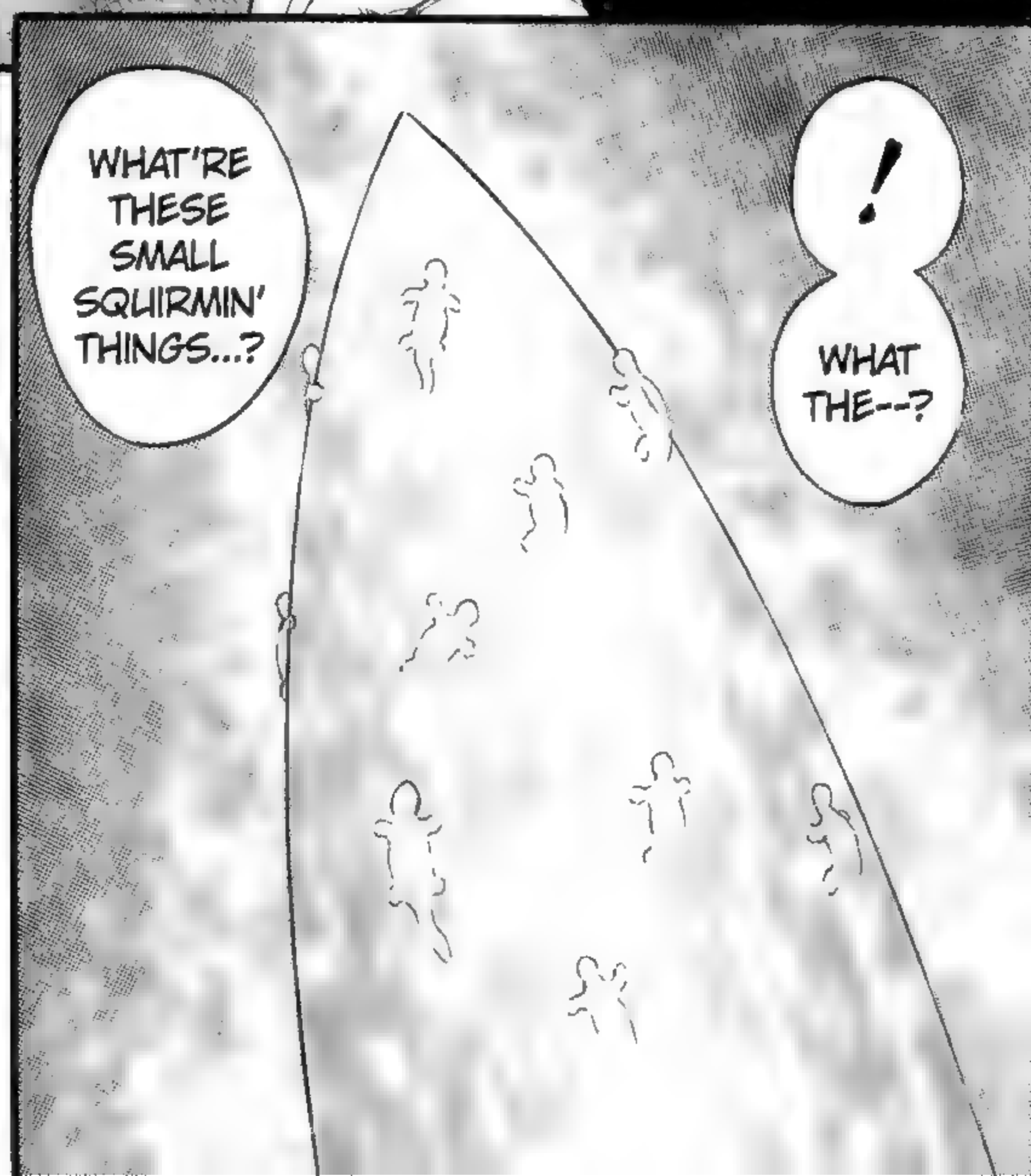
IT'S GLOWIN' ALL RED...

THIS DAGGER.

HUH...?



LIZARDS ...?



WHAT'RE THESE SMALL SQUIRMIN' THINGS...?

!
WHAT THE--?

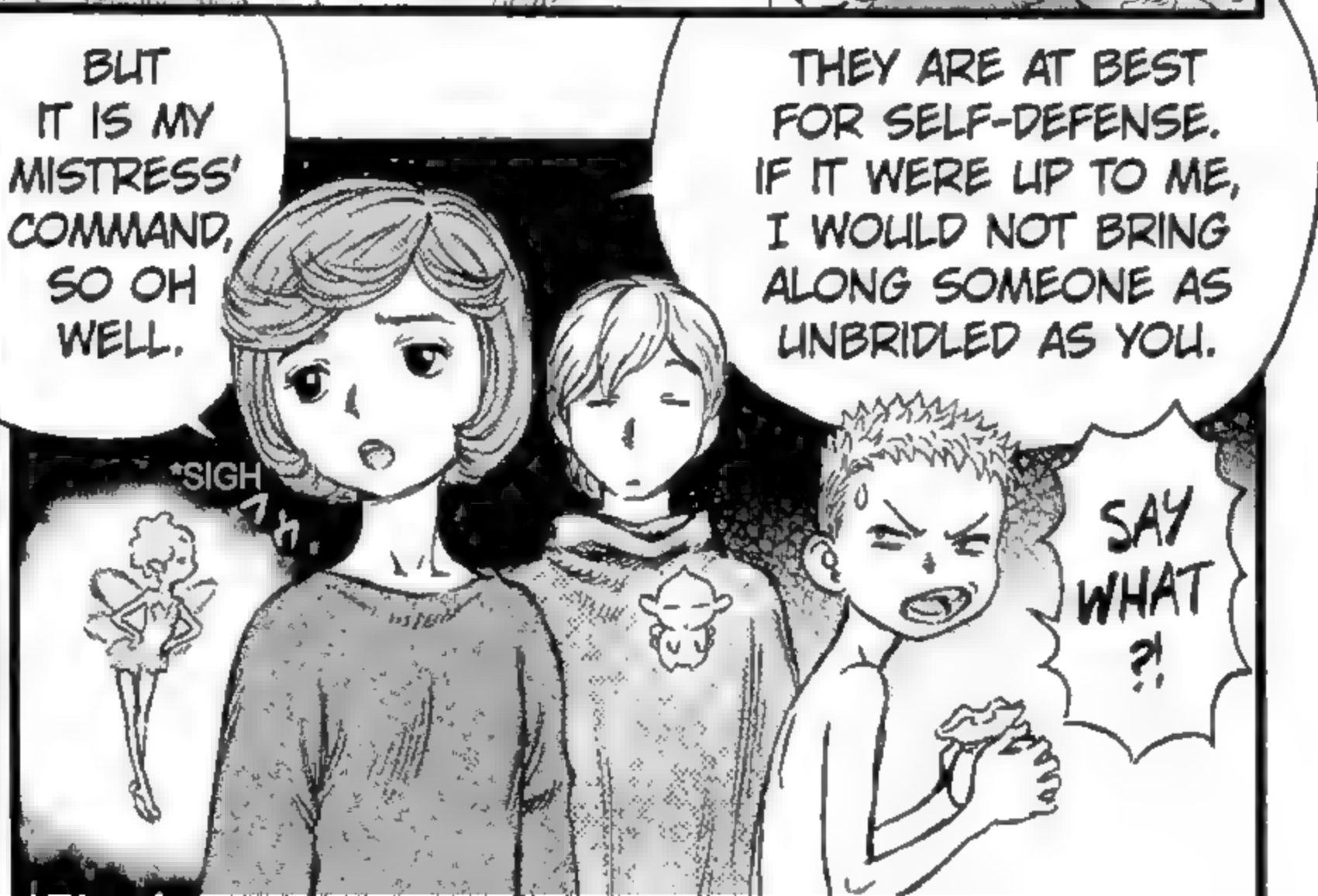
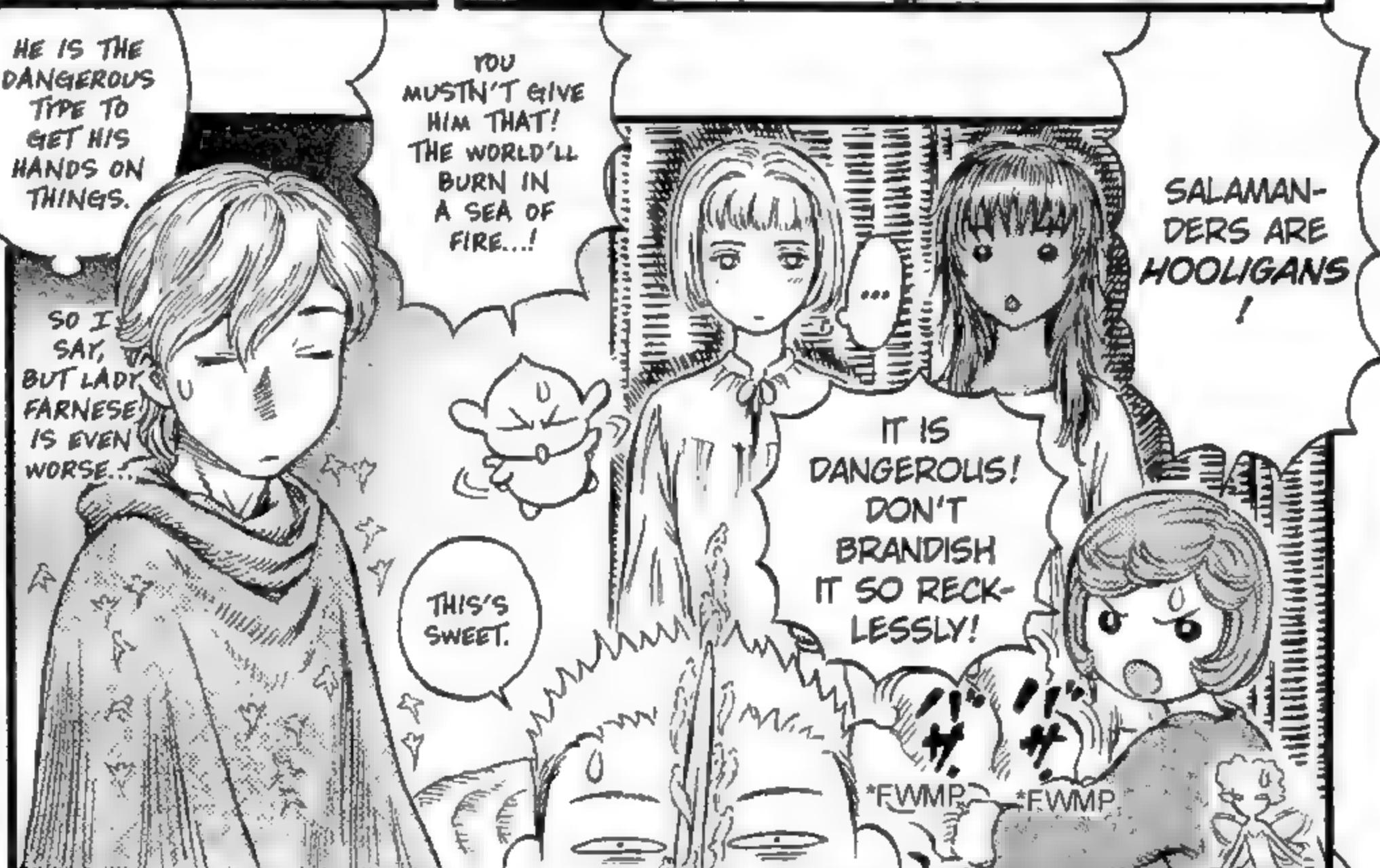
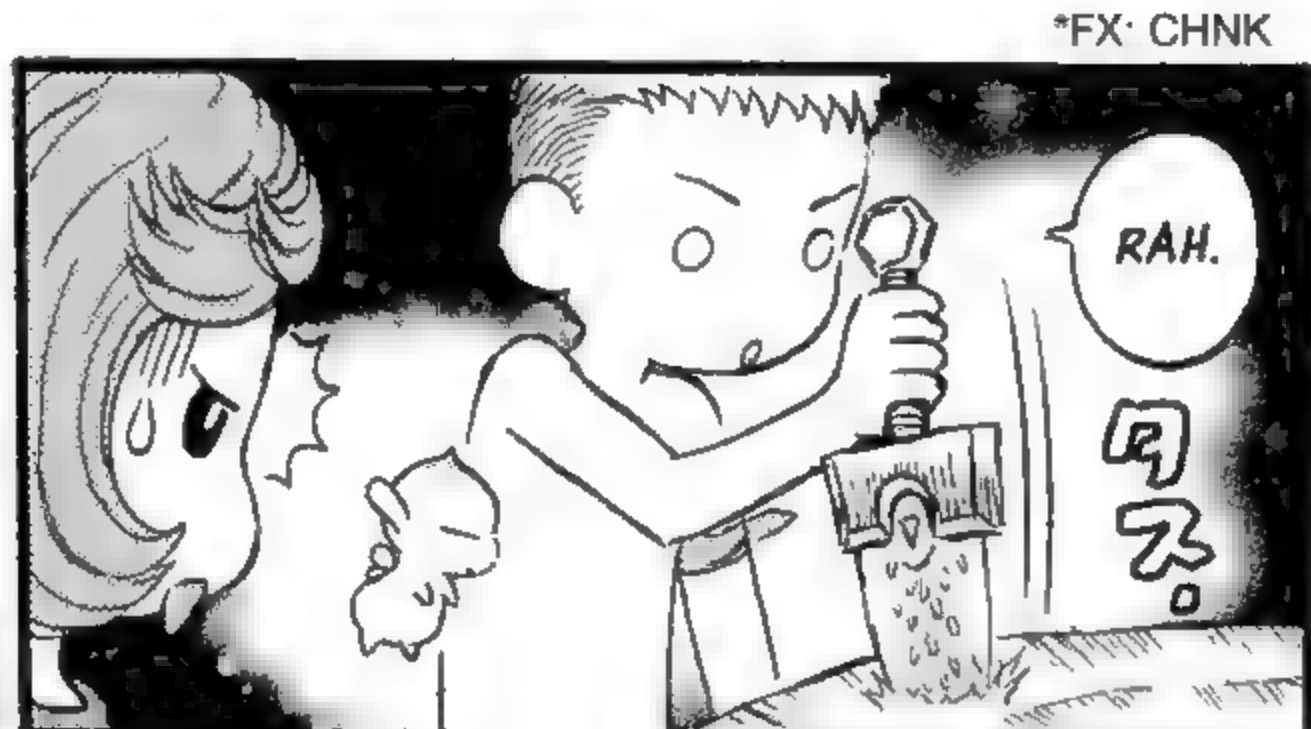


SALAMANDERS.

THOSE ARE FIRE ELEMENTALS.

CLITS MADE
WITH THAT
DAGGER WILL
IGNITE AND
BURN AS IF
STRUCK BY A
HOT IRON.

THE BLADE
OF THE
SALAMANDER
DAGGER
IS MAGICALLY
CRAFTED FROM
MOLTEN LAVA.



SILVER HAS STRONG TALISMANIC PROPERTIES.

ALSO A SILVER KNIFE FOR FARNESE.

FOR OUR TWO LADIES, FARNESE AND CASCA...

IT'S GLOWING FAINTLY.

...SILVER CHAIN SHIRTS.

THEIR EFFICACY IS REALIZED BY THE STRENGTH OF YOUR FAITH IN THEIR ASTRAL POWER.

WHEN THE TIME COMES TO USE THE FETISHES, PLEASE ENVISION THE FAINT FIGURES YOU SEE NOW AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

FINALLY, I HAVE THIS FOR GLITS...

ALSO, THE DEEPER THE MUTUAL TRUST GROWS, THE MORE POWER THEY ARE LIKELY TO LEND YOU.

AND IF YOU USE THIS POWER, DO NOT FORGET TO APPRECIATE THE ELEMENTALS! IN THE END, THE POWER OF THE FETISHES DEPENDS ON THEM, NOT YOU.

I EXPECT THE VERY BEST FROM YOU, MY ELITE SOLDIERS!

YEAHHH!! LET'S DO THIS, FIRE THINGS!!

I HOPE WE CAN ALL WORK WELL TOGETHER.




I DON'T
NEED IT.



I WANT
TO TAKE
INTO BATTLE
WHAT
MY HAND
KNOWS
BEST.

GCHAK

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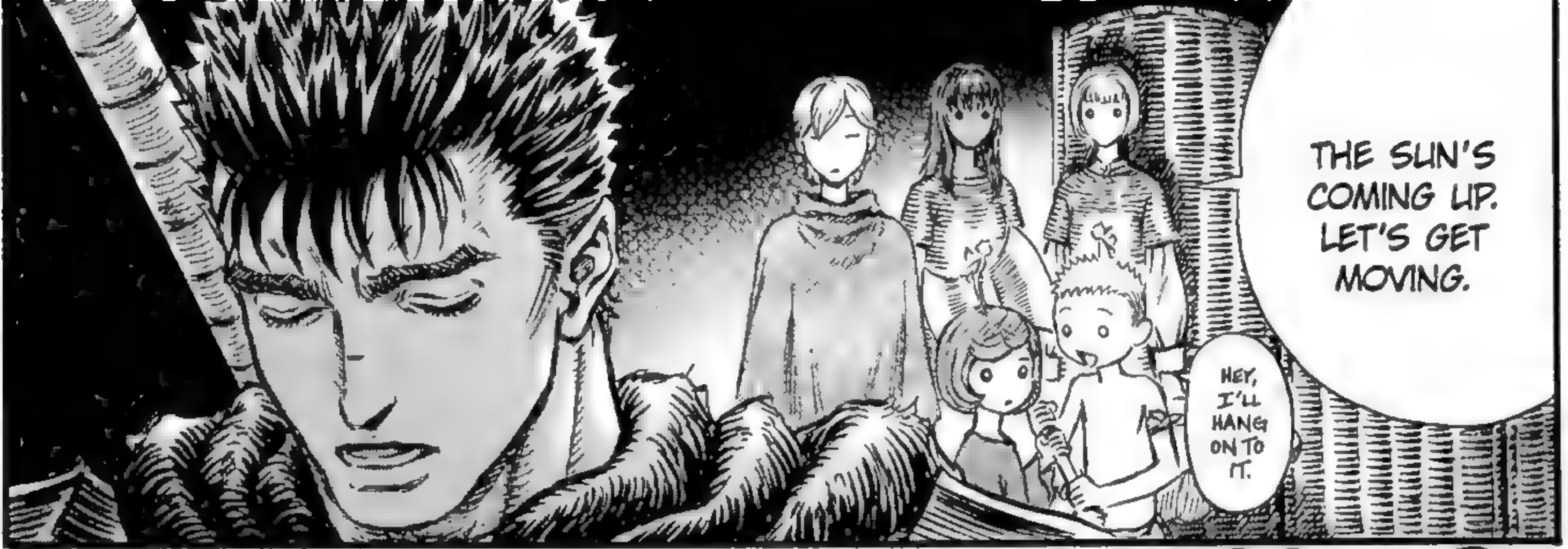


BUT WHY
NOOOT?
WHAT A
WASTE.
JUST TAKE
IT.

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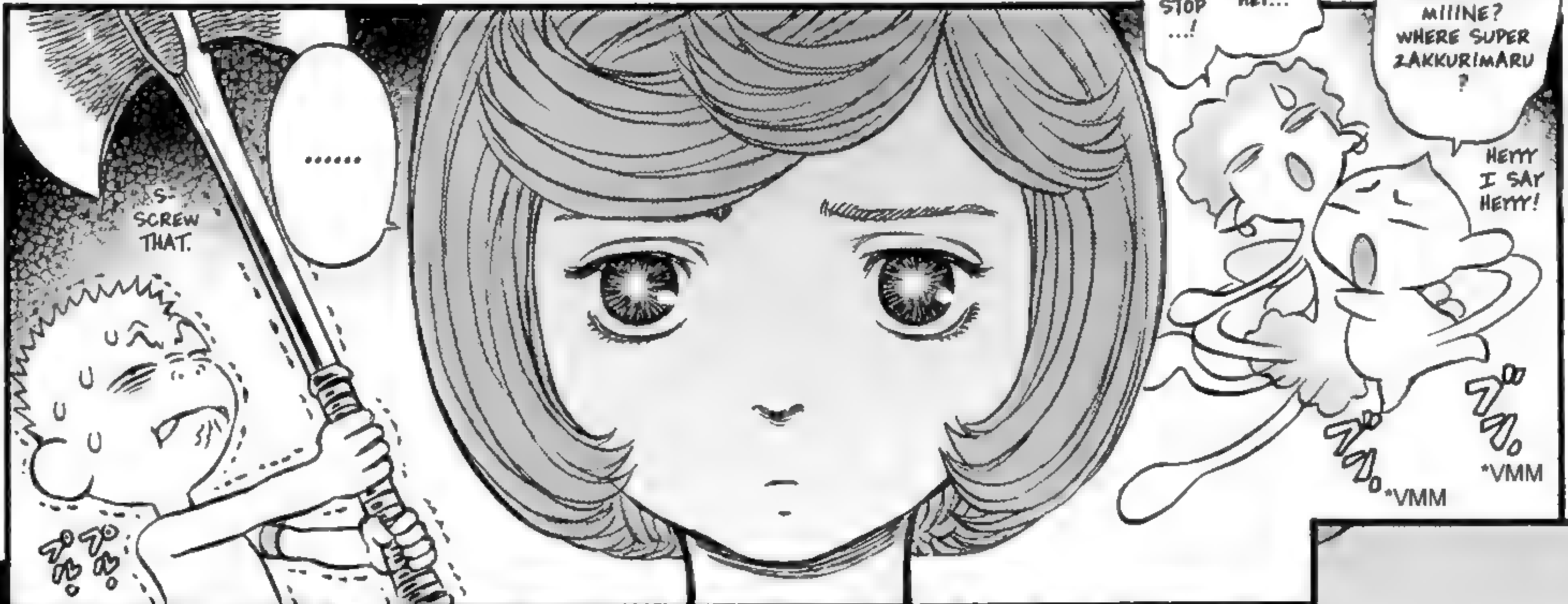
NO...
I'M
FINE.

HOW
UN-
GRATE-
FUL!



THE SUN'S
COMING UP.
LET'S GET
MOVING.

HEY,
I'LL
HANG
ON TO
IT.



S-
SCREW
THAT.

.....

STOP
....!

H-
HEY...

WHAT ABOUT
MIIINE?
WHERE SUPER
ZAKKURIMARU
?

HEYYY
I SAY
HEYYY!

*VMM

*VMM

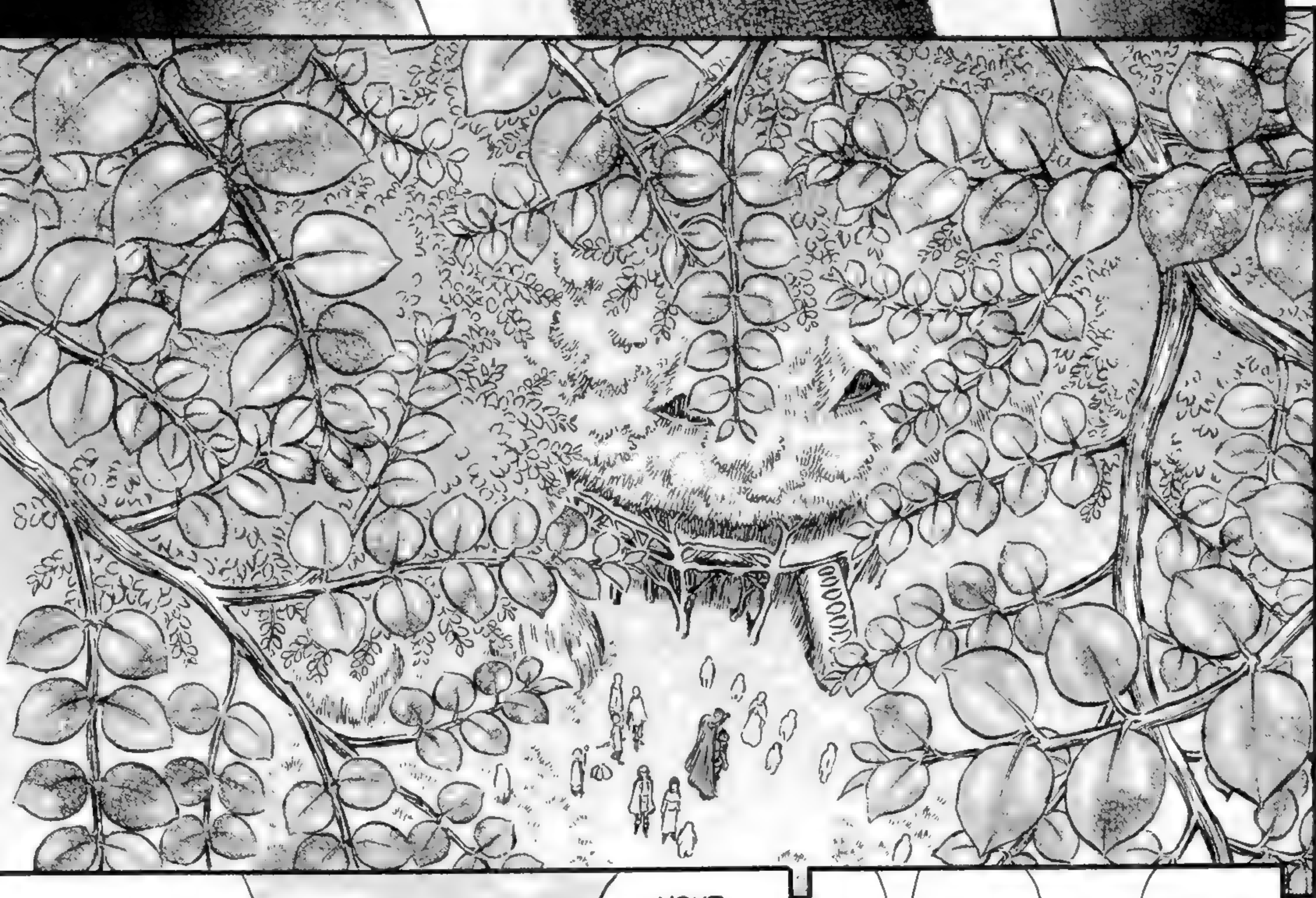
*FX: SHUDDER



*SHIMMER

ホウ...

WHAT...?



WHILE YOU ARE HERE, MINOR WOUNDS AND NEW WOUNDS GENERALLY HEAL.

YOUR PHYSICAL BODIES HAVE ADJUSTED TO THE FORMS OF YOUR ESSENTIAL ETHEREAL BODIES.

THAT IS VERY CONVENIENT.

WHA...?

DESPITE IT BEING WINTER, IT FEELS WARM.

THIS IS A MYSTERIOUS PLACE, THOUGH. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A LARGE TREE BEFORE.

WHY, MINE TOO.

THE SCRATCHES AND BRUISES I HAD ARE GONE.

ALSO YOUR VINE BURNS.

...THE
ASTRAL
WORLD
HERE.

!

WE ARE
IN...

TO USE
AN ANALOGY,
IT IS LIKE
THE SHORE-
LINE TO
THE SEA.

THIS FOREST
IS A SLIGHTLY
DEEPER ASTRAL
DOMAIN OF
THE INTERSTICE
THAT ONE MAY
YET ENTER
PHYSICALLY.

DUE TO THE
CURSED POWER
OF THE BRAND, YOU
EXIST PRIMARILY IN
THE PHYSICAL DOMAIN
OF THE INTERSTICE,
WHERE THE ASTRAL
WORLD IS
PERCEIVABLE.

THE
INTERSTICE
STRADDLES
THE ASTRAL
WORLD
AND THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

BUT YOU
WHO ARE
IN THE
SAME LAYER
REACHED IT
WITHOUT ANY
PROBLEM...

BE THAT AS IT MAY,
SO LONG AS THE MISTRESS
OF THE MANSION DOES NOT
INVITE APPROACH, REGULAR
HUMANS CANNOT VISIT HERE.
EVEN TO THE EYES OF THOSE
WITH STRONG EXTRASENSORY
PERCEPTION, AT BEST
IT SHOULD APPEAR TO
BE A MIRAGE.

IN THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD THIS
TREE ROTTED
ABOUT TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS AGO...

THE
STRONGER THE
POWER OF
EXISTENCE IS IN
THE PHYSICAL
WORLD...

...BUT WHILE
IT LIVED IT WAS
THE FOCUS OF
WORSHIP FOR
ALL ARBOREAL
ANIMISTS IN
THIS REGION.

...THE AFTERLIFE,
YOU MEAN? WE
HAD A NEAR-DEATH
EXPERIENCE
WITHOUT EVEN
KNOWING IT.

THEN,
THIS IS...

...THE LONGER
AND MORE SPLENDID
ITS SHAPE WILL
BE FIXED IN THE
ASTRAL WORLD.

OCCASIONALLY
IT TAKES ON A
MONSTROUS FORM,
THOUGH.

THAT
EXPLAINS
ALL THE
FLOWERS.

SO,
CONTROLLING
MATTER WITH
THE POWER
OF OUR MINDS
BECOMES
EASY.

SHE
NEVER
SHUTS
UP.

THE MAJORITY
OF MAGIC USERS
HAVE ESTABLISHED
THEIR RESIDENCES
IN THIS LAYER OF
THE INTERSTICE.
THE LIMITATIONS
OF THE MATERIAL
WORLD ARE
LONG FIXED IN
A WEAKENED
STATE HERE...

*FX: WHISPER

YOU'LL PAY
FOR THAT,
WITCH
APPRENTICE.

I AM SURE
THAT IS
THE REASON
YOU ALL
ARE LUCKY
ENOUGH TO
STILL BE
ALIVE.

OR
LIKE
THIS?

IF YOU
BECOME A GREAT
MAGICIAN, YOU
CAN EVEN FLY IN
THE SKY.

FOR
REAL?
SOUNDS
FISHT.

Y'MEAN
LIKE
THIS?

OH,
OKAY!

THE ELE-
MENTALS
ARE
SEEING
YOU OFF.

THERE'S
THOSE
SPARKLES
AGAIN.

AH!

I KNOW THIS
PLACE IS SAFE,
BUT YOU CAN'T BE
CERTAIN ABOUT
ANYTHING.

I APPRECIATE
YOUR IDEA,
BUT NOT ONCE
HAS ANY GOOD
COME OF LEAVIN'
HER BEHIND.

BUT
...

*FX: SPIN SPIN SPIN

MISTRESS,
COULD NOT
CASCA AT LEAST
STAY HERE IN
YOUR KEEPING?

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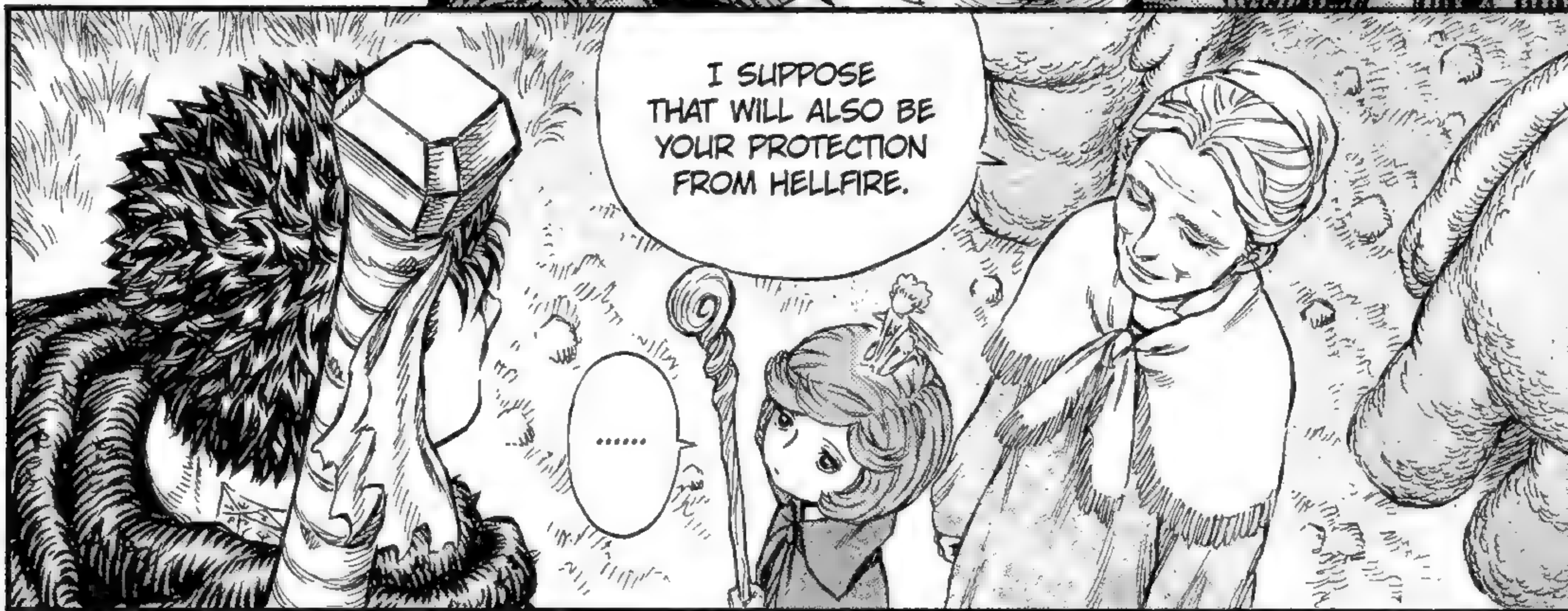


.....
...I
WANT HER
SOME-
WHERE
IN REACH
OF MY
SWORD.

IN THAT
CASE...

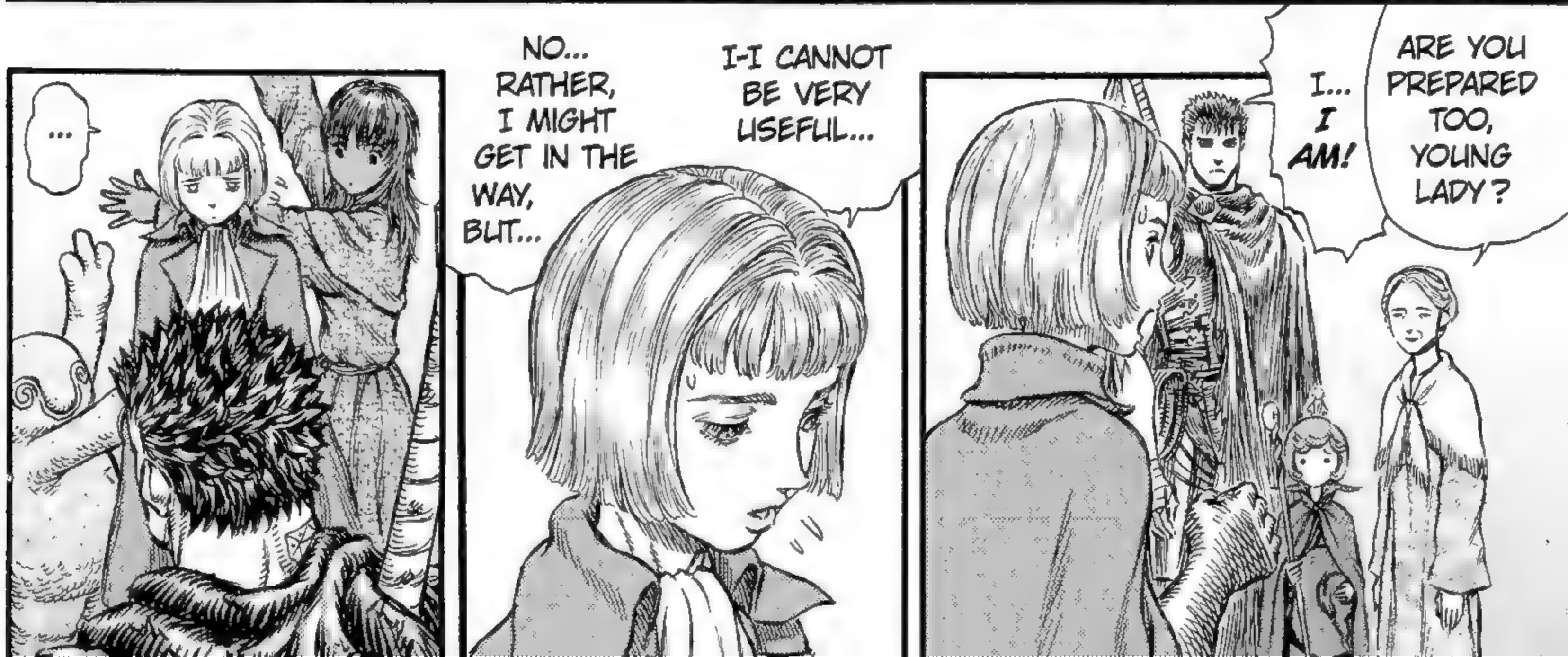
THAT'S
THE PATH
YOU'VE
CHOSEN.

YES.



I SUPPOSE
THAT WILL ALSO BE
YOUR PROTECTION
FROM HELLFIRE.

.....



NO...
RATHER,
I MIGHT
GET IN THE
WAY,
BUT...

I-I CANNOT
BE VERY
USEFUL...

I...
I
AM!

ARE YOU
PREPARED
TOO,
YOUNG
LADY?

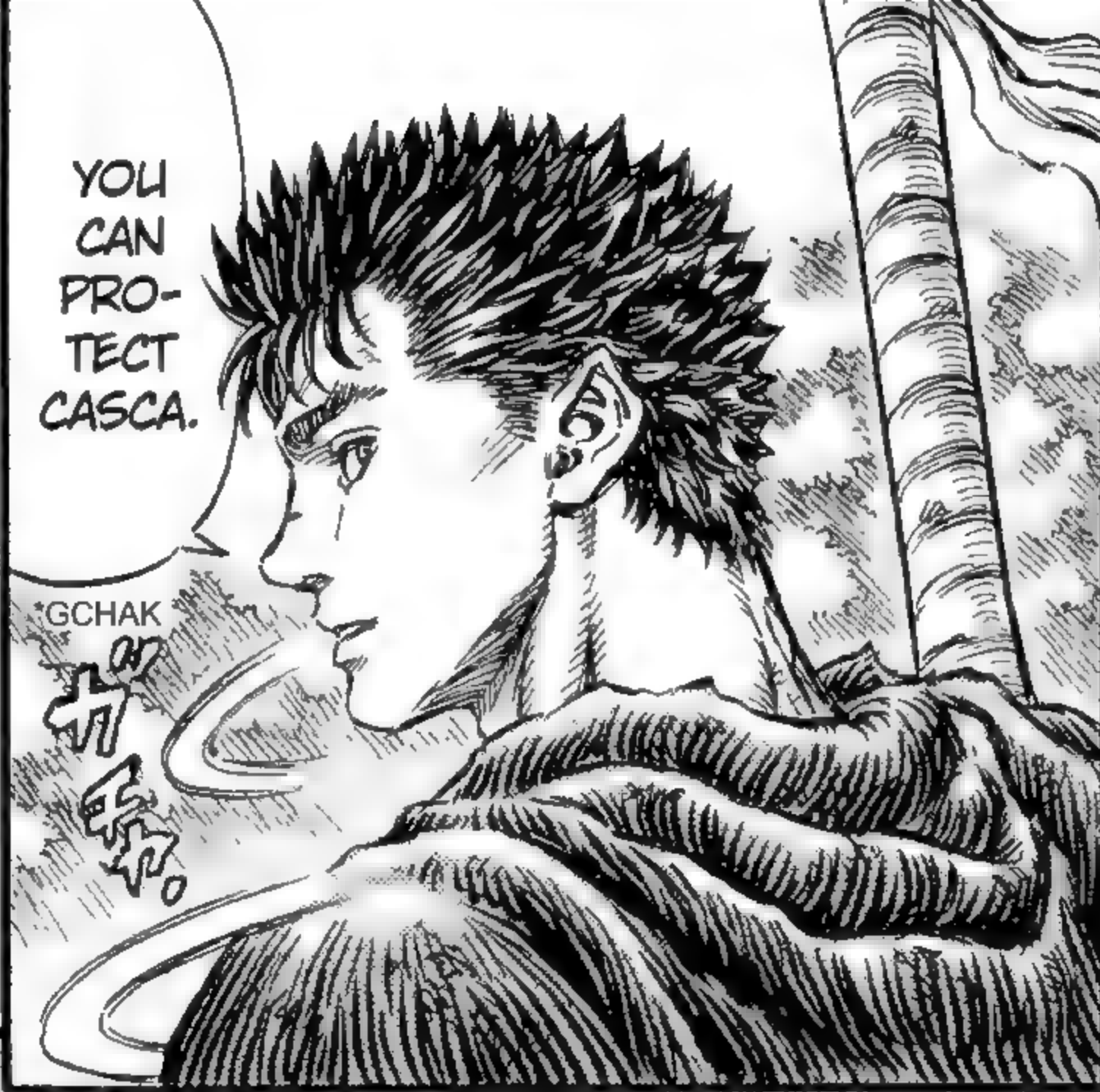


A...
ALL RIGHT!

YOU
CAN
PRO-
TECT
CASCA.

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IT'D BE
SO MUCH
EASIER BY
MYSELF.

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WHAT A
TOTAL
NUISANCE.



WELL,
I SHALL
RETURN.

W...



C'MON! LET'S
HIT THE ROAD!
WE'LL KICK
THOSE MONKEYS
AROUND!

ESPE-
CIALLY
HIM...

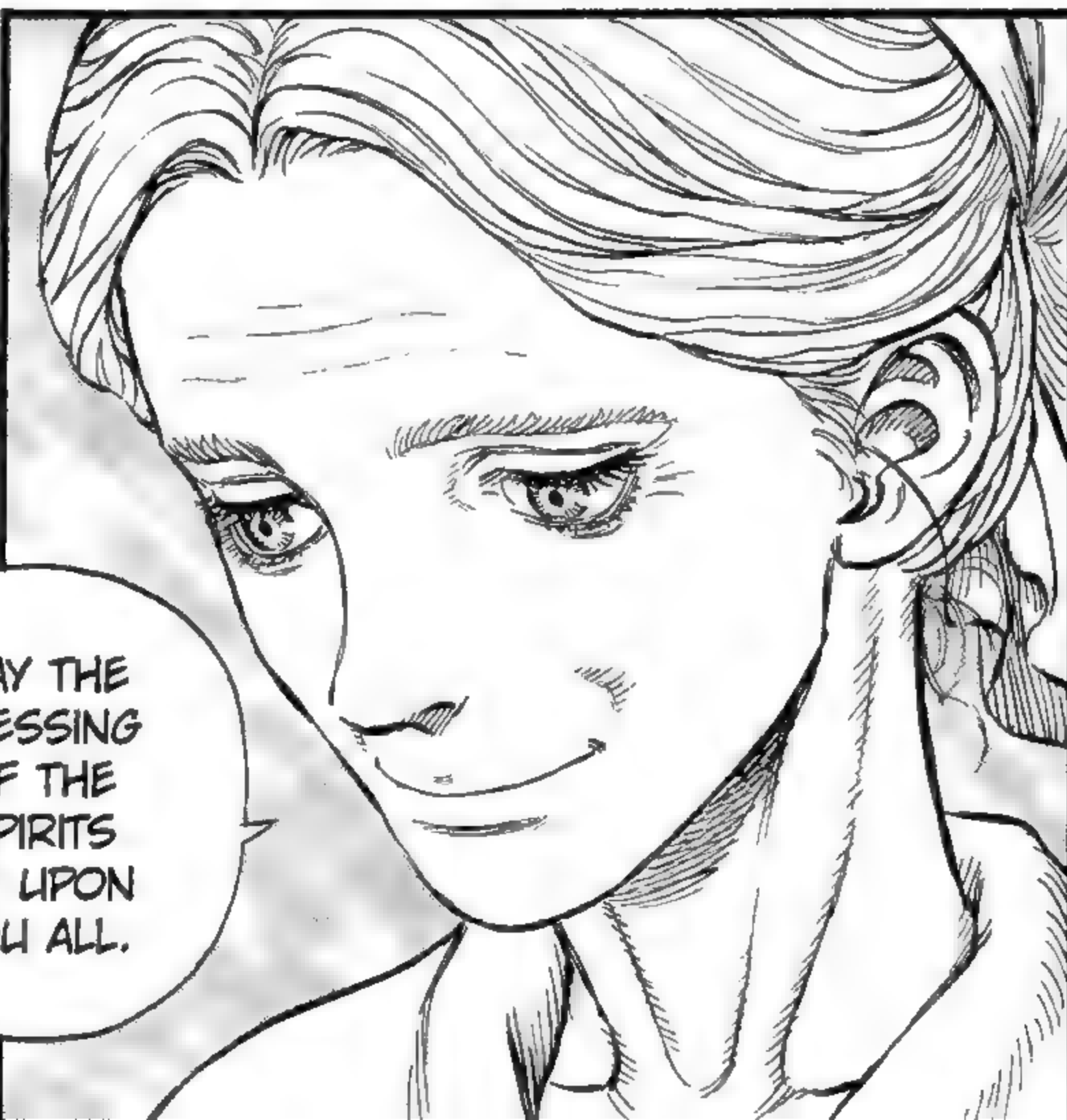
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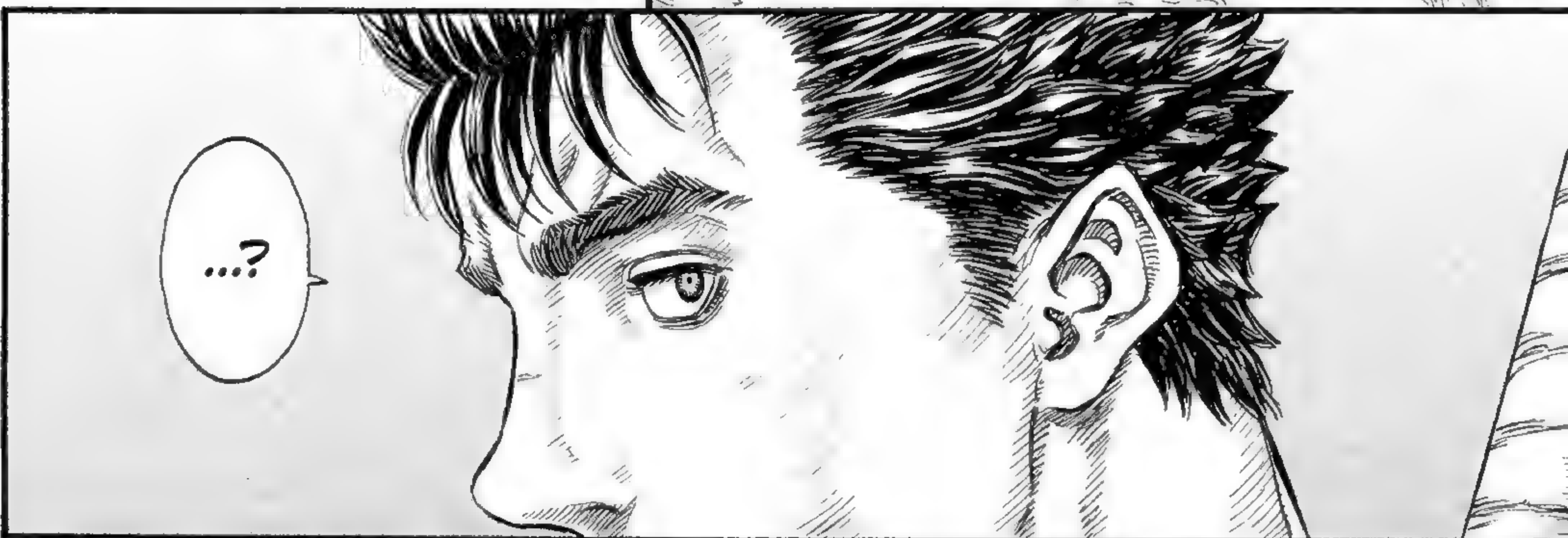
*banner: WIND GOD



LEAVE
IT TO
ME.

MAY THE
BLESSING
OF THE
SPIRITS
BE UPON
YOU ALL.



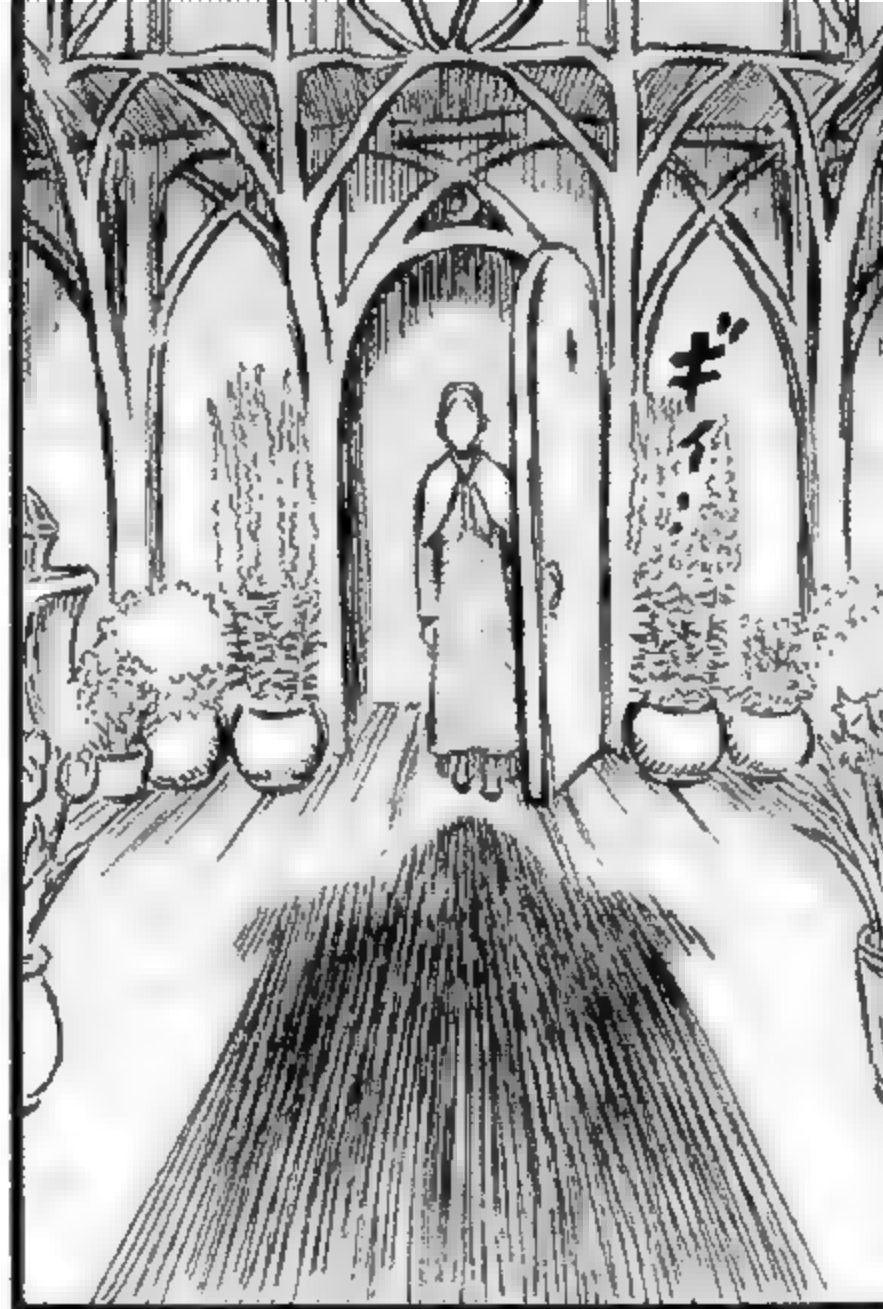




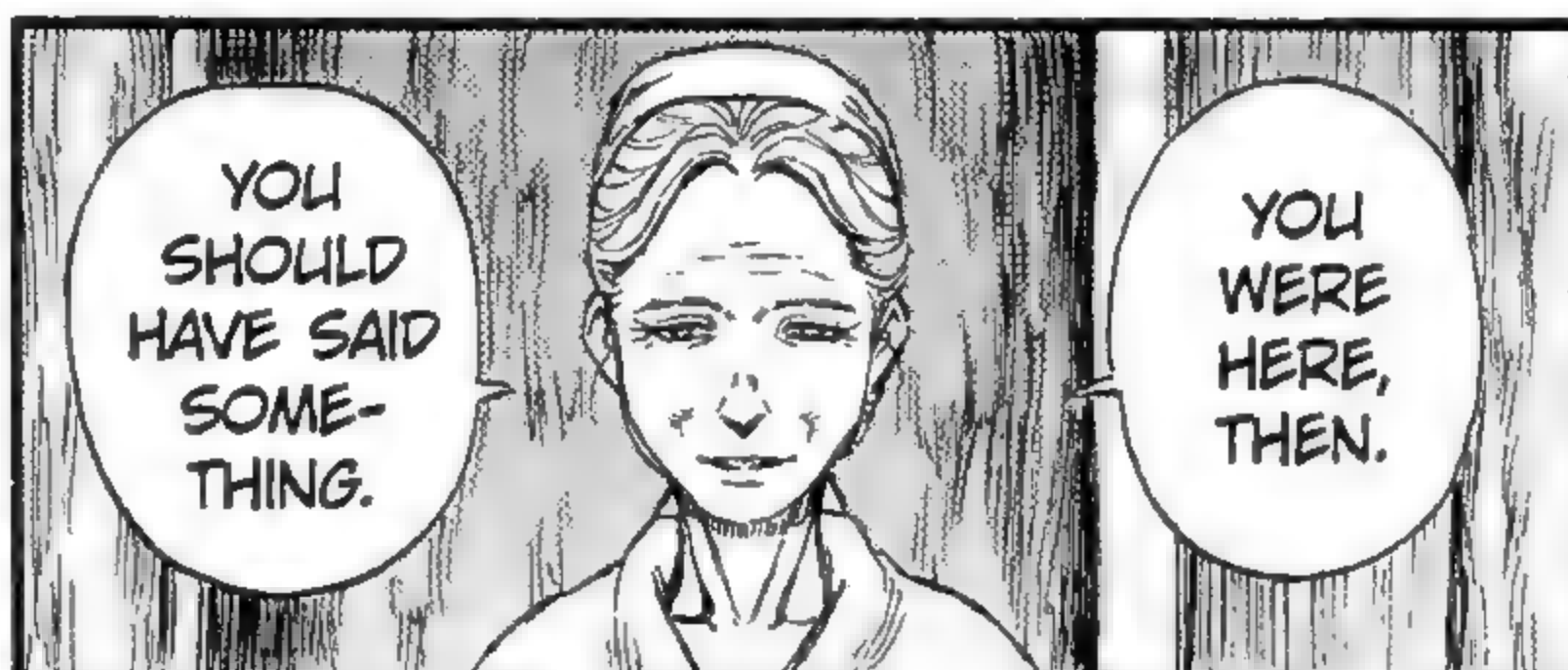
A TOUCH
OF LINCER-
TAINTY,
THOUGH...

REALLY
...

WHAT
BOLD
CHILDREN.

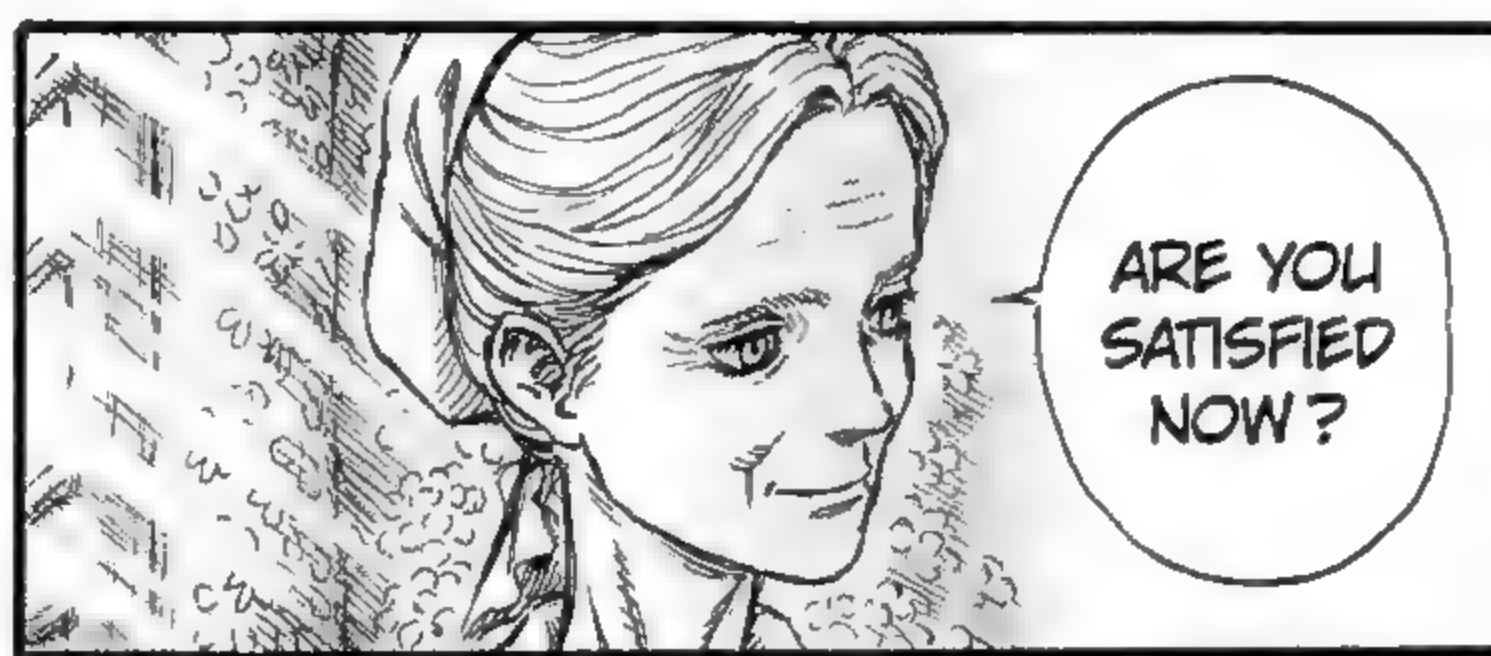


*FX: GREE



YOU
SHOULD
HAVE SAID
SOME-
THING.

YOU
WERE
HERE,
THEN.

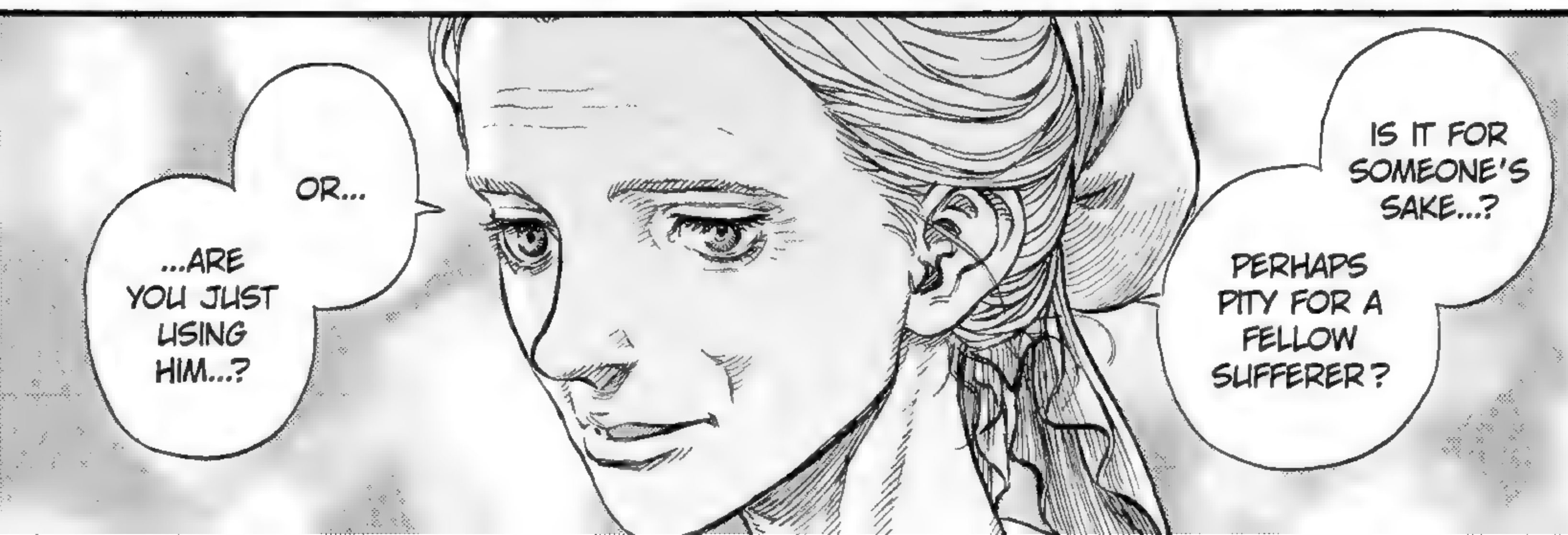


ARE YOU
SATISFIED
NOW?



...BROUGHT
YOU TO ASK
A FAVOR
OF ME?

STILL,
THOUGH, WHAT
STROKE OF
FORTUNE...

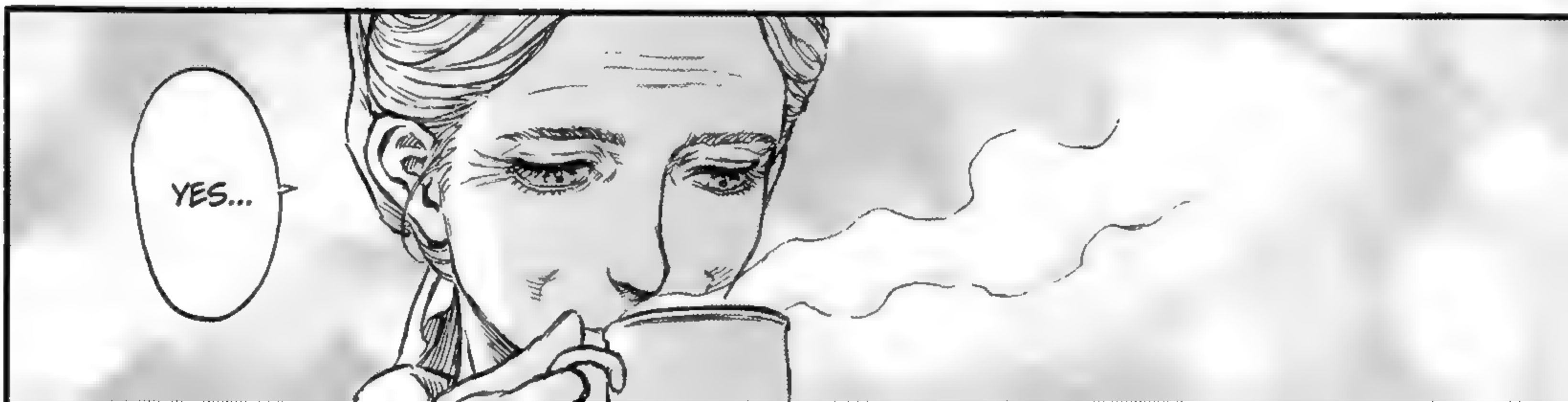
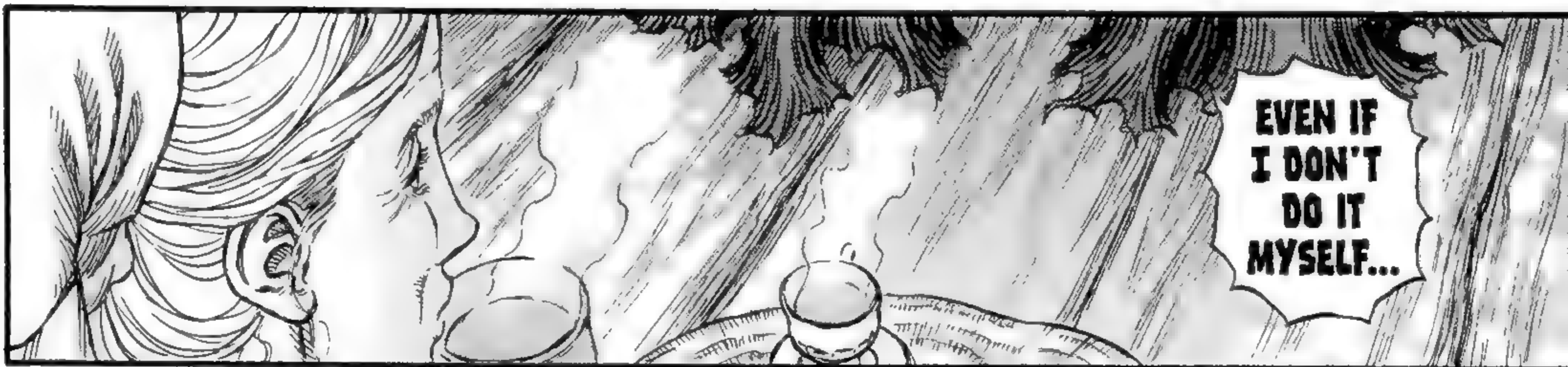
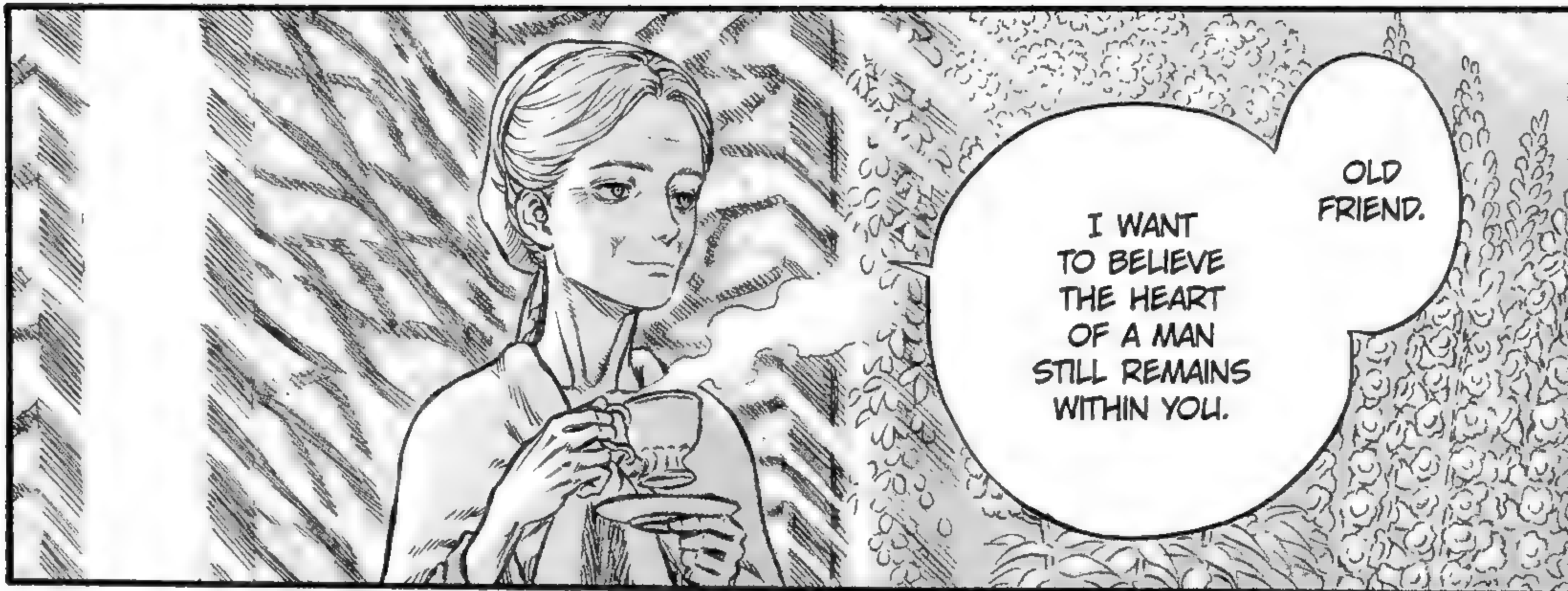


...ARE
YOU JUST
USING
HIM...?

OR...

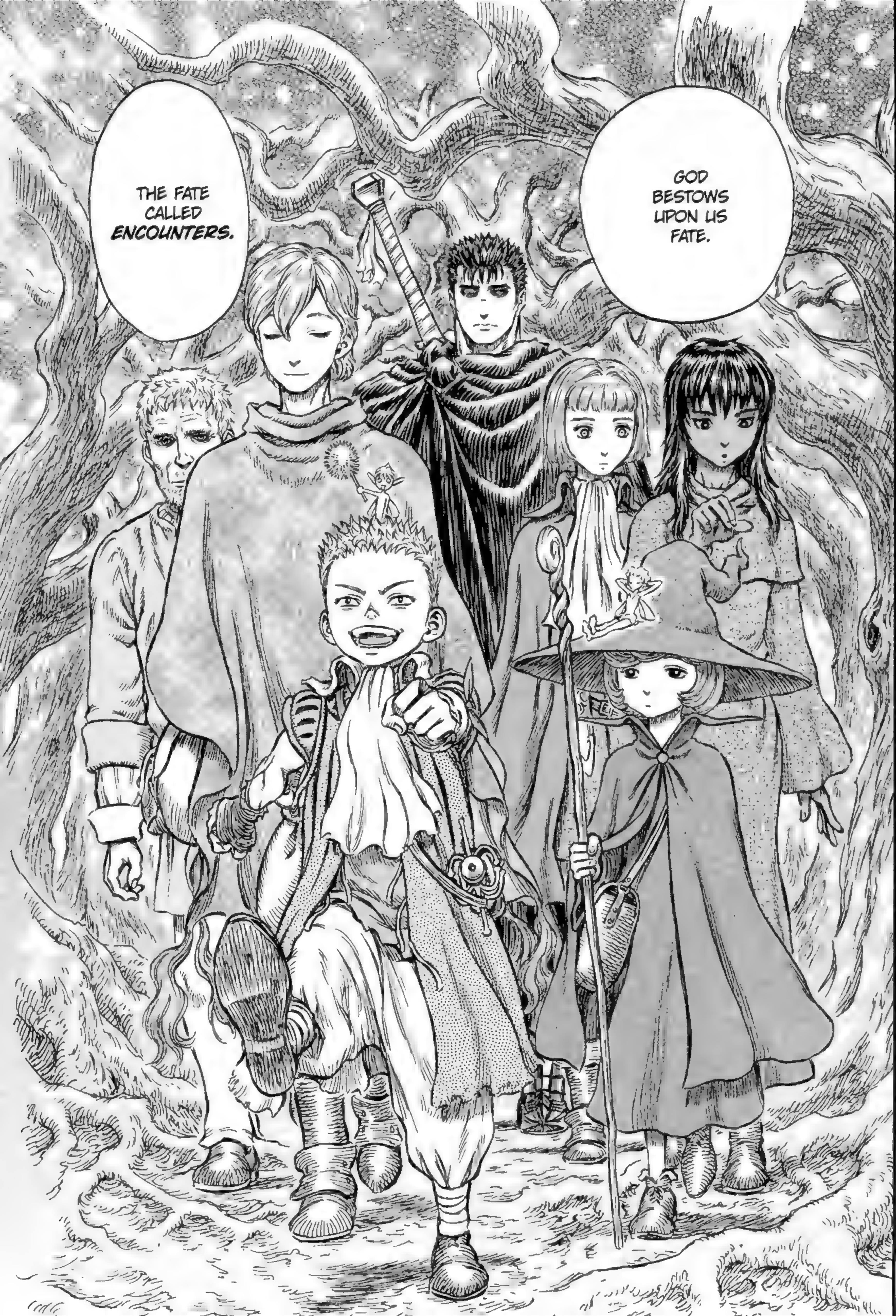
IS IT FOR
SOMEONE'S
SAKE...?

PERHAPS
PITY FOR A
FELLOW
SUFFERER?



THE FATE
CALLED
ENCOUNTERS.

GOD
BESTOWS
UPON US
FATE.

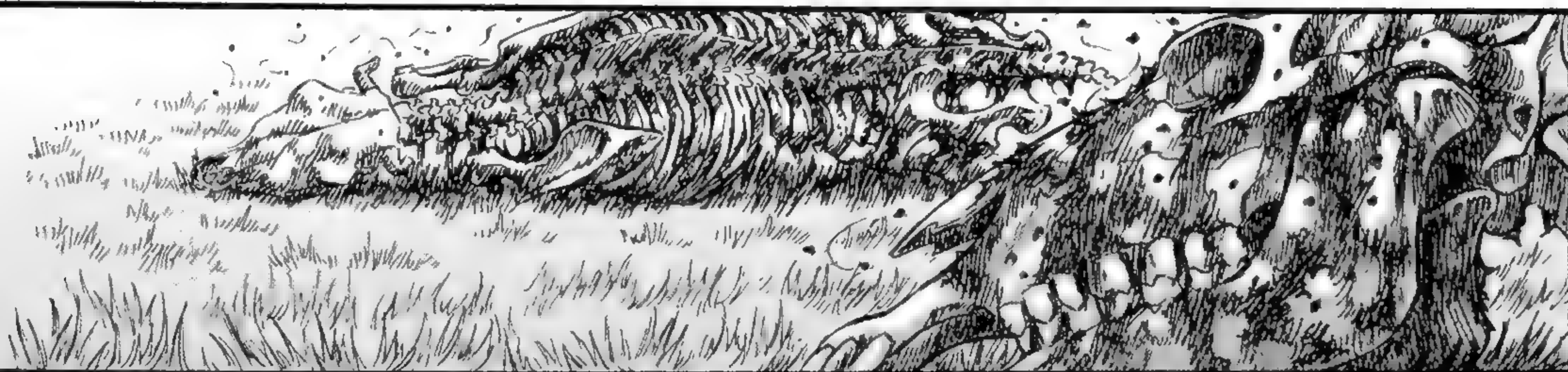


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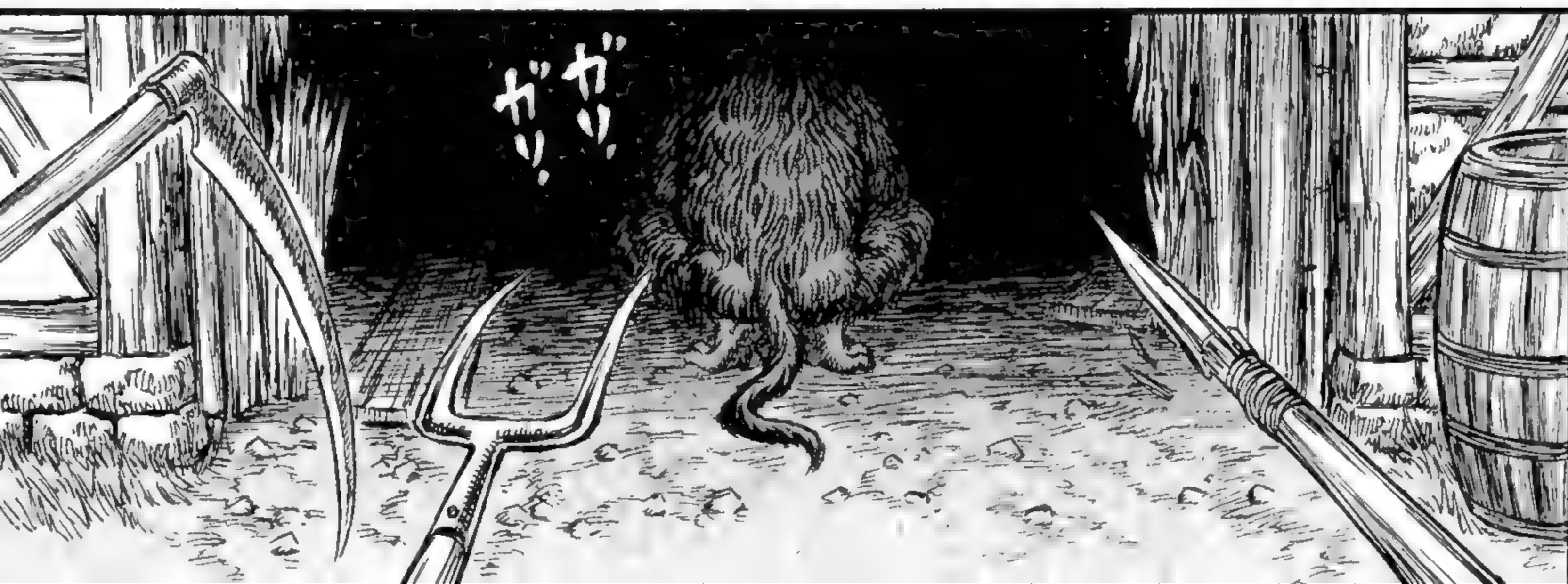
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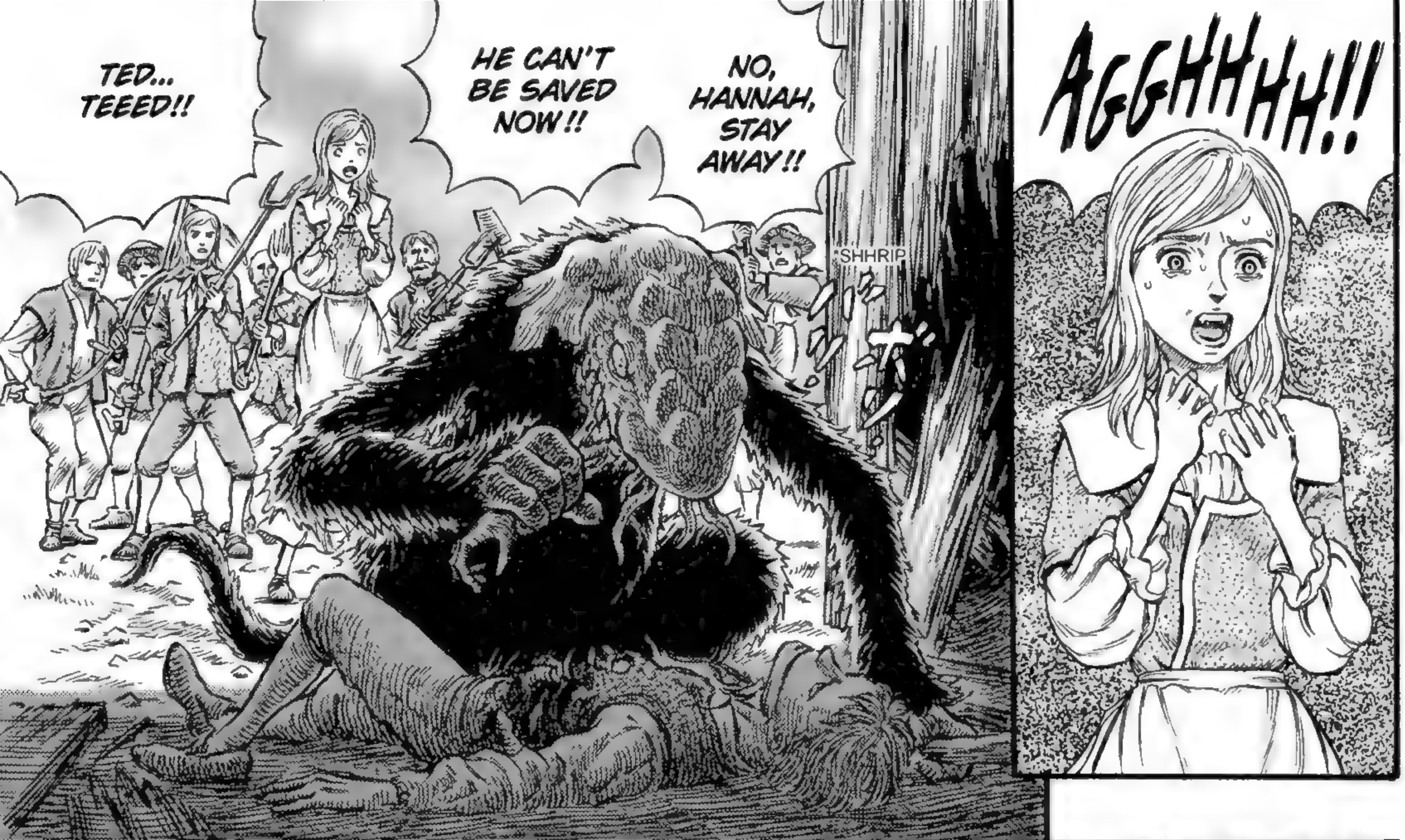
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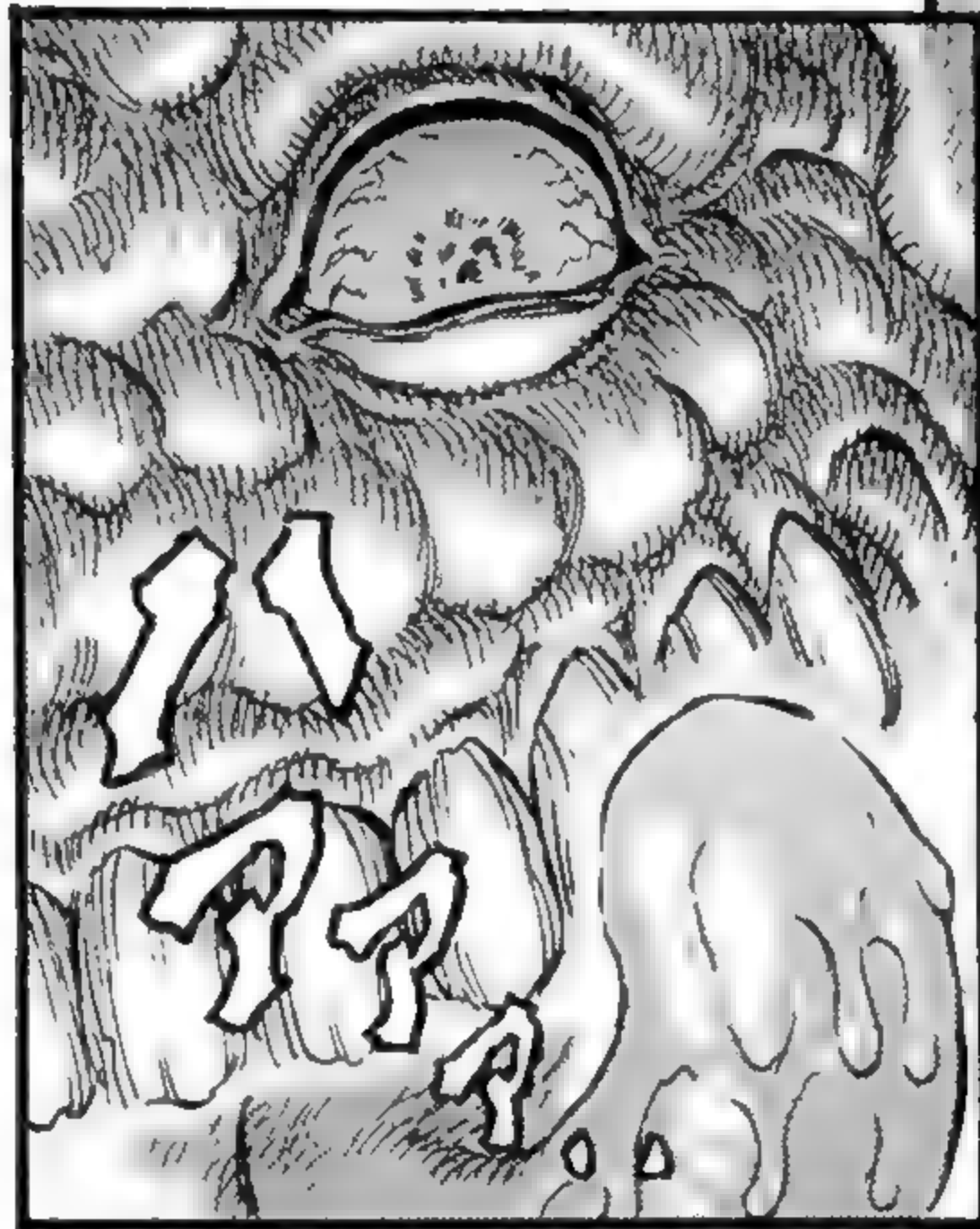


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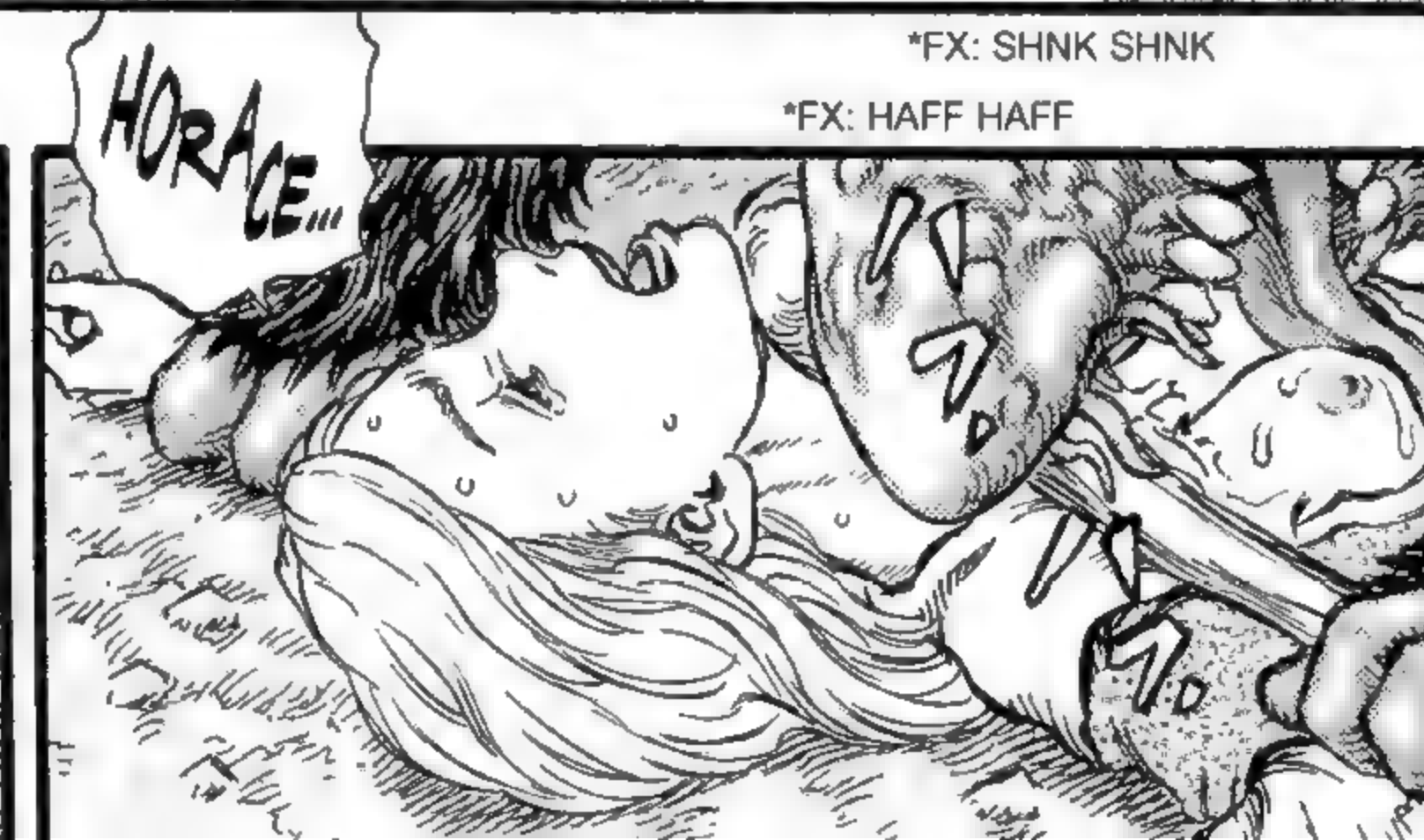
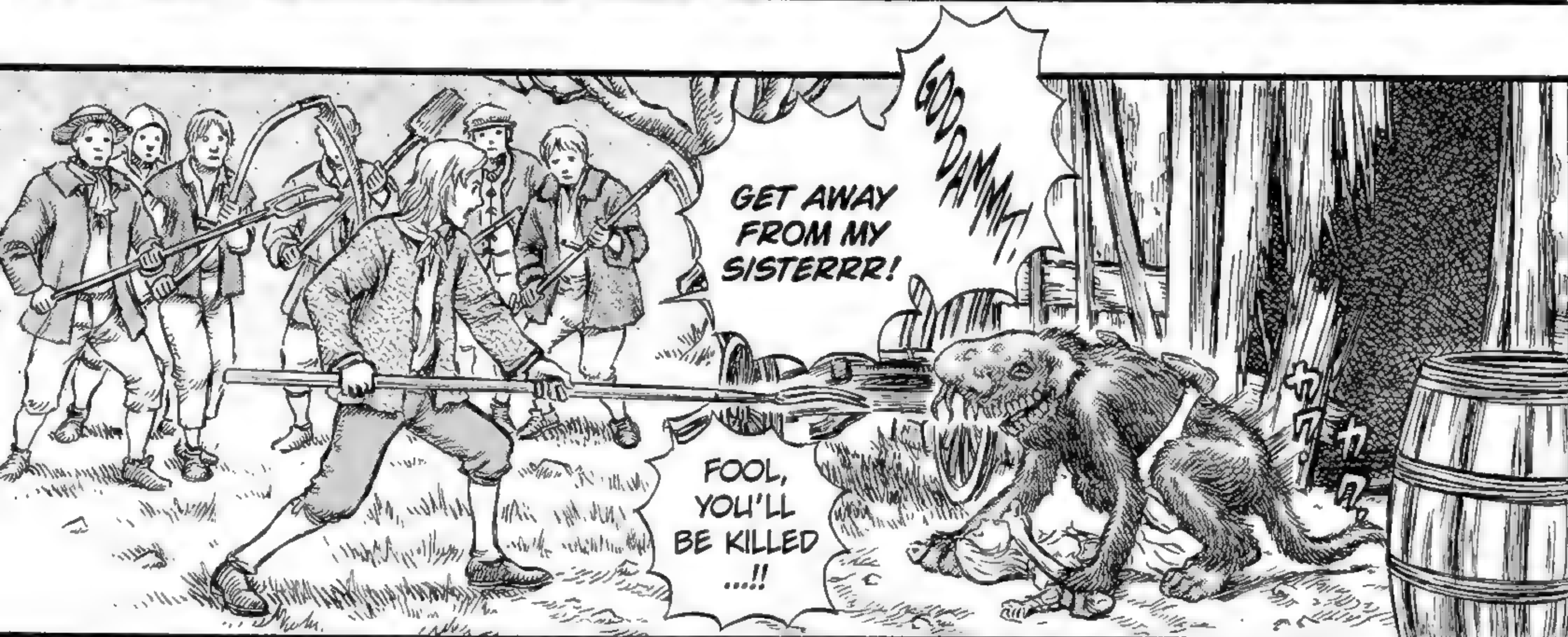
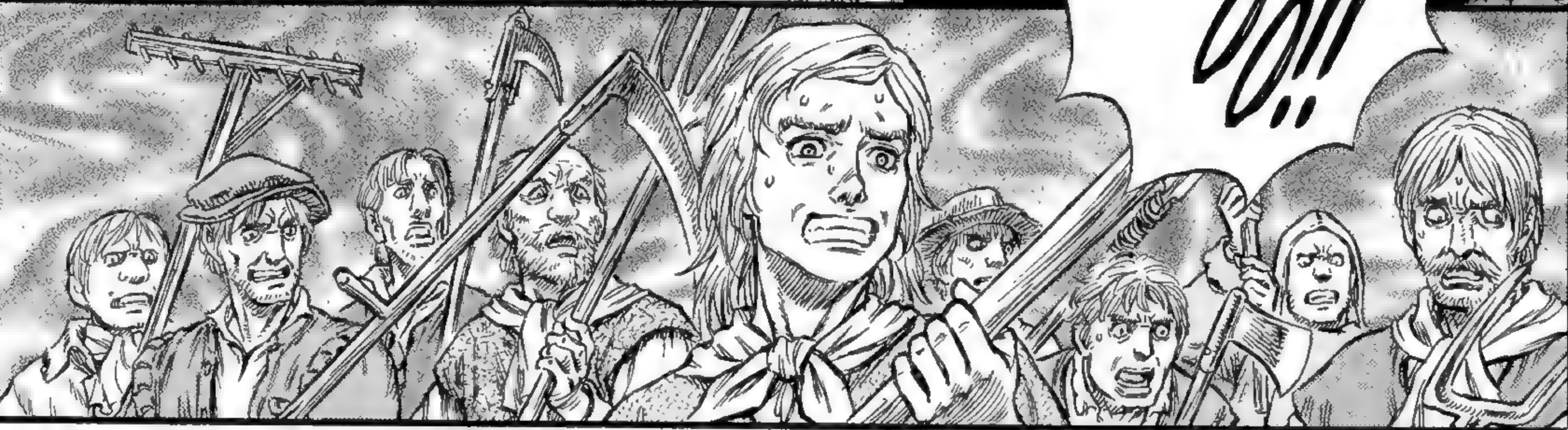


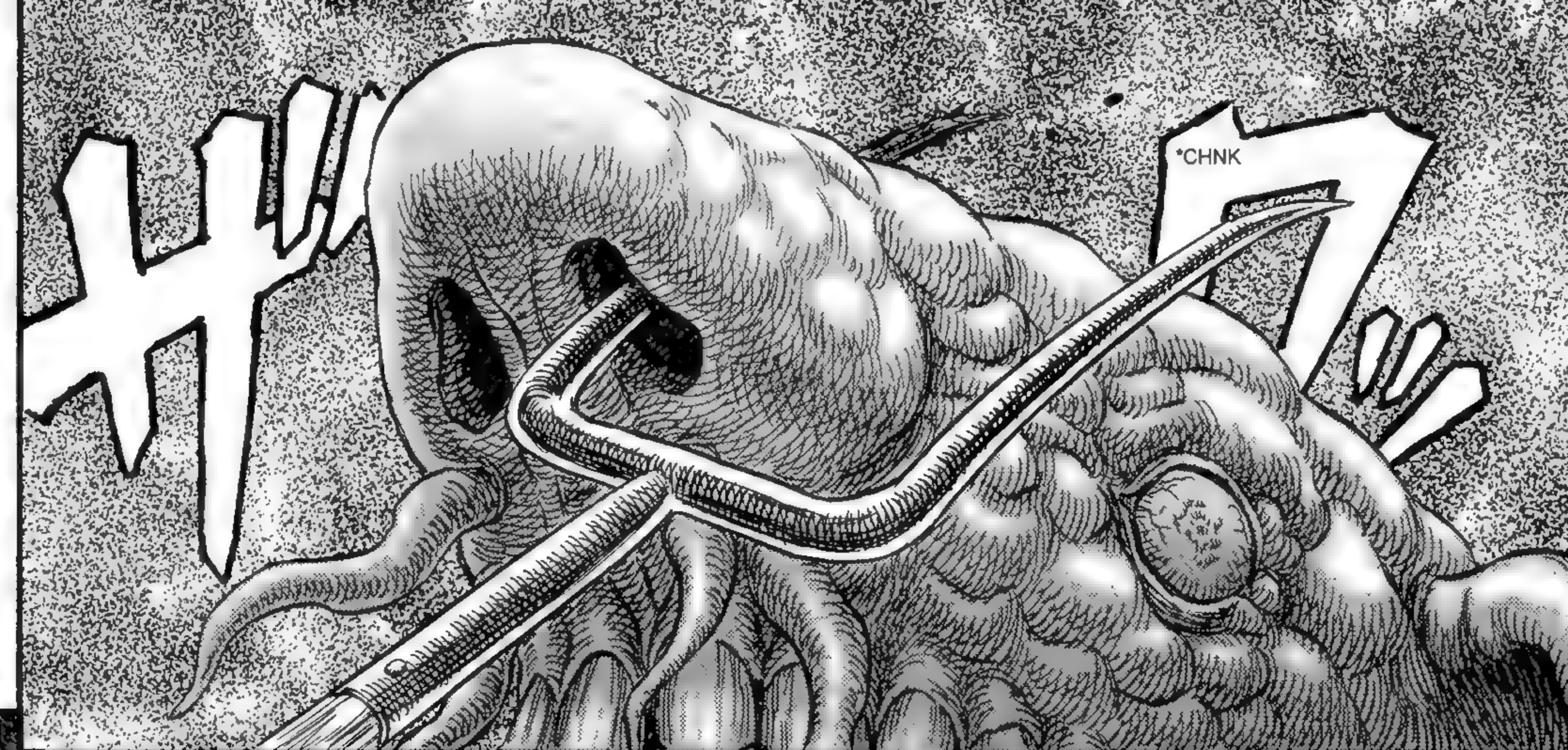
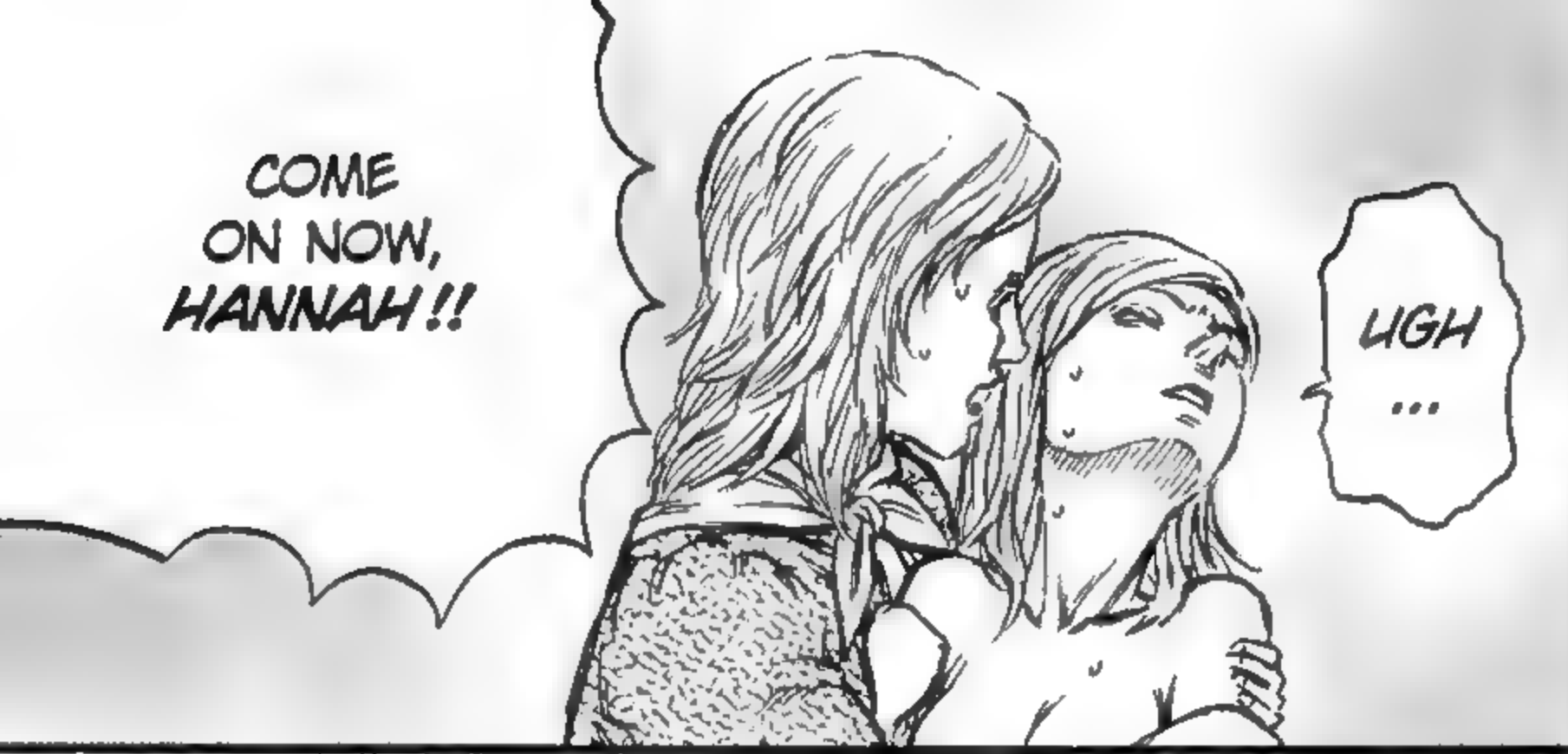


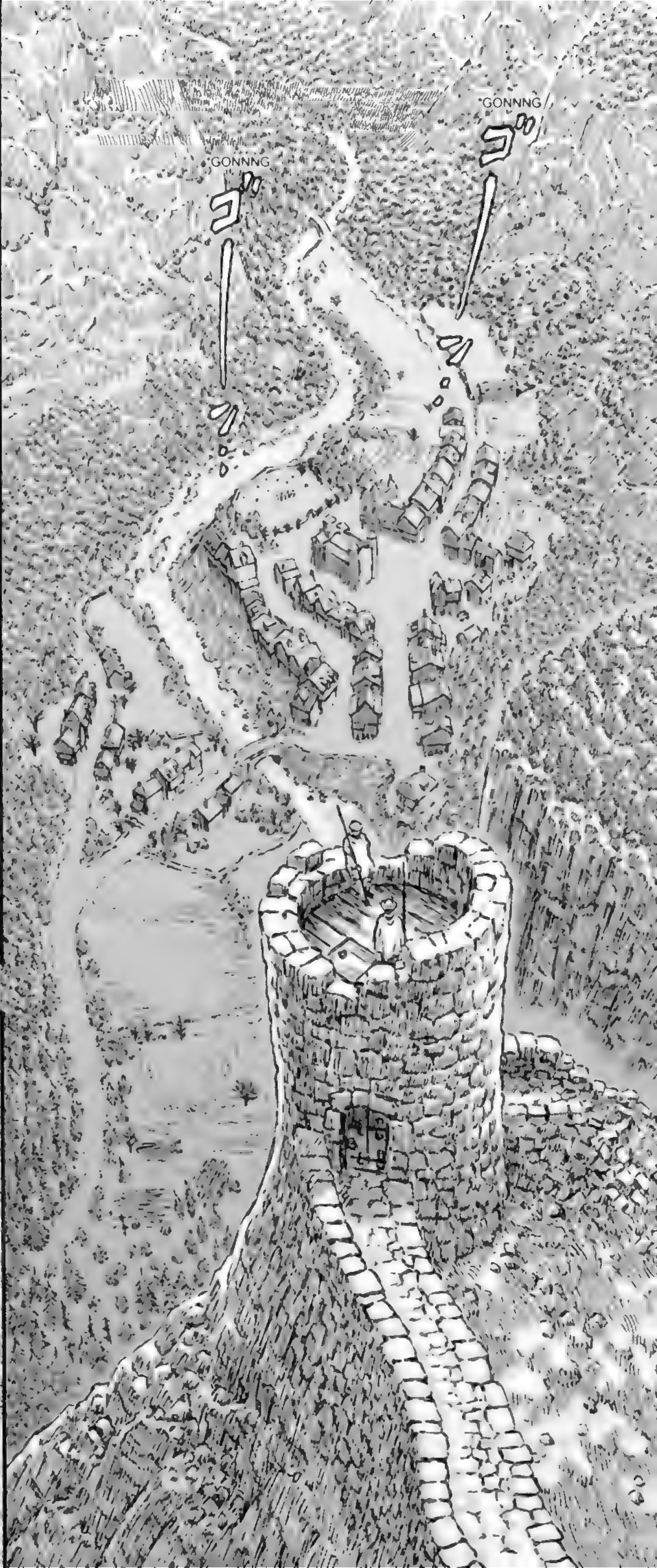
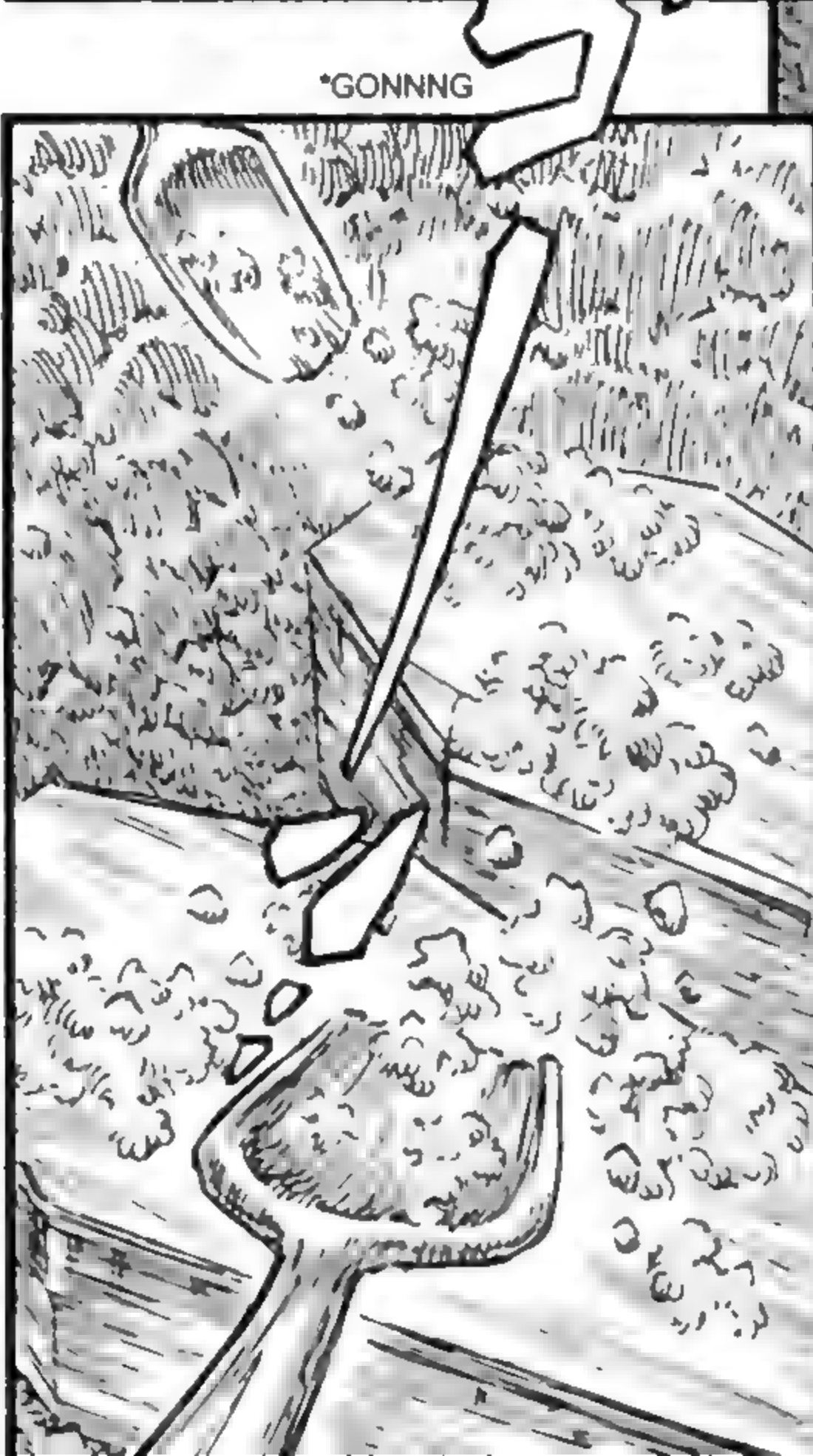


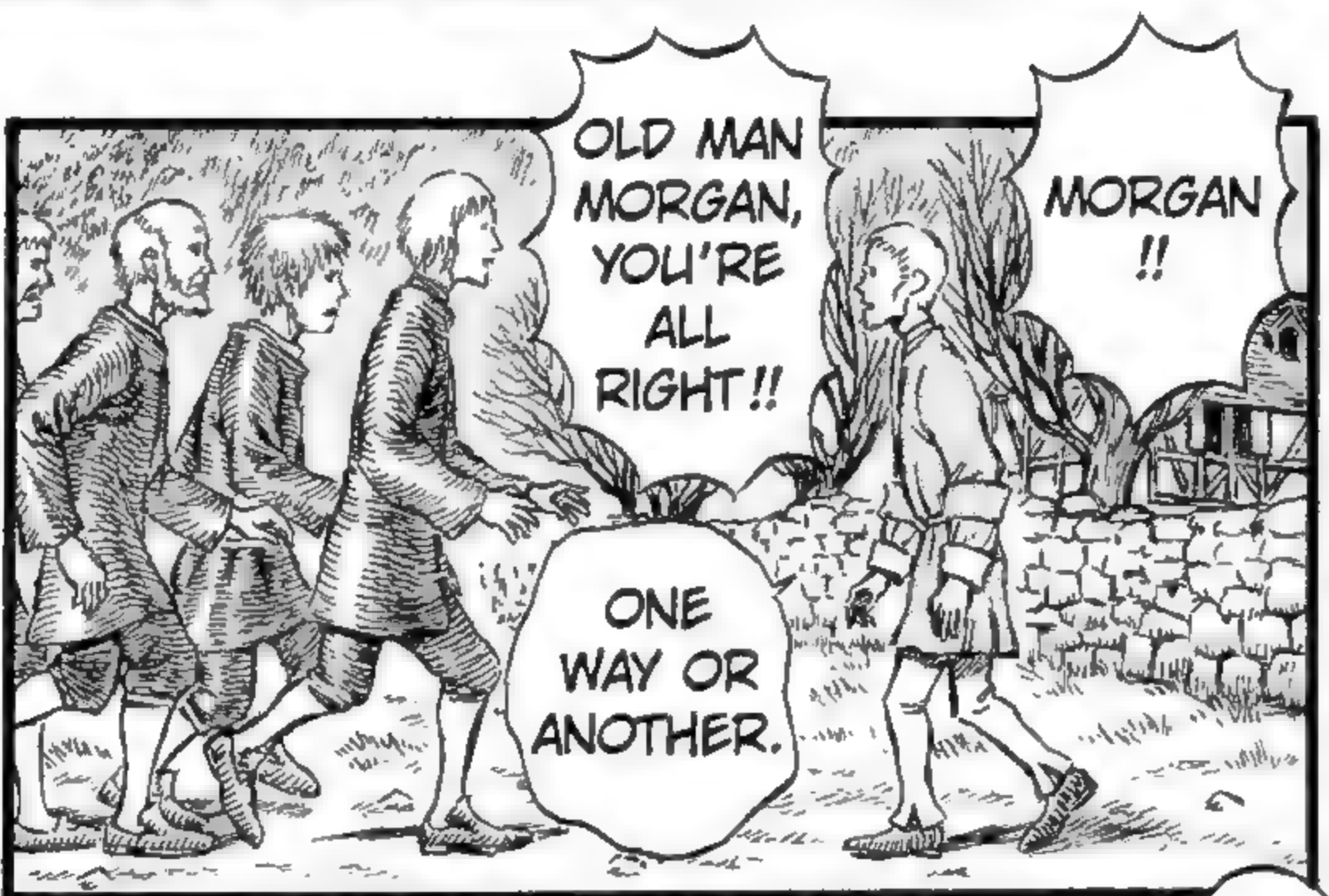
*FX: HAAAH











HORACE STABBED ONE WITH A PITCHFORK TRYING TO RESCUE HIS SISTER, AND THEN A WHOLE PACK GANGED UP AND BEAT HIM TO DEATH!!

TED WAS ATTACKED WHILE STANDING GUARD AT THE LIVESTOCK BARN, AND WHEN SHE RUSHED OVER TO SAVE HIM, HANNAH WAS RAPED!



ALL THAT WAS
LEFT OF TED
AND HORACE
WAS MINCE-
MEAT...!!



DAMN IT!!
THEY DO
SUCH
VICIOUS
THINGS...!!

AND
TED AND
HORACE
WERE BEST
FRIENDS.

WHAT CURSED
TIMING. THEY
WERE ONLY
MARRIED FOUR
DAYS AGO.

THEY DON'T
THINK OF
THIS VILLAGE
AS MORE
THAN A FOOD
TROUGH!!

THE
THREE WERE
BROUGHT
UP LIKE
SIBLINGS
AND ALL.



SO?

WHAT WAS
THE END
RESULT,
MORGAN?

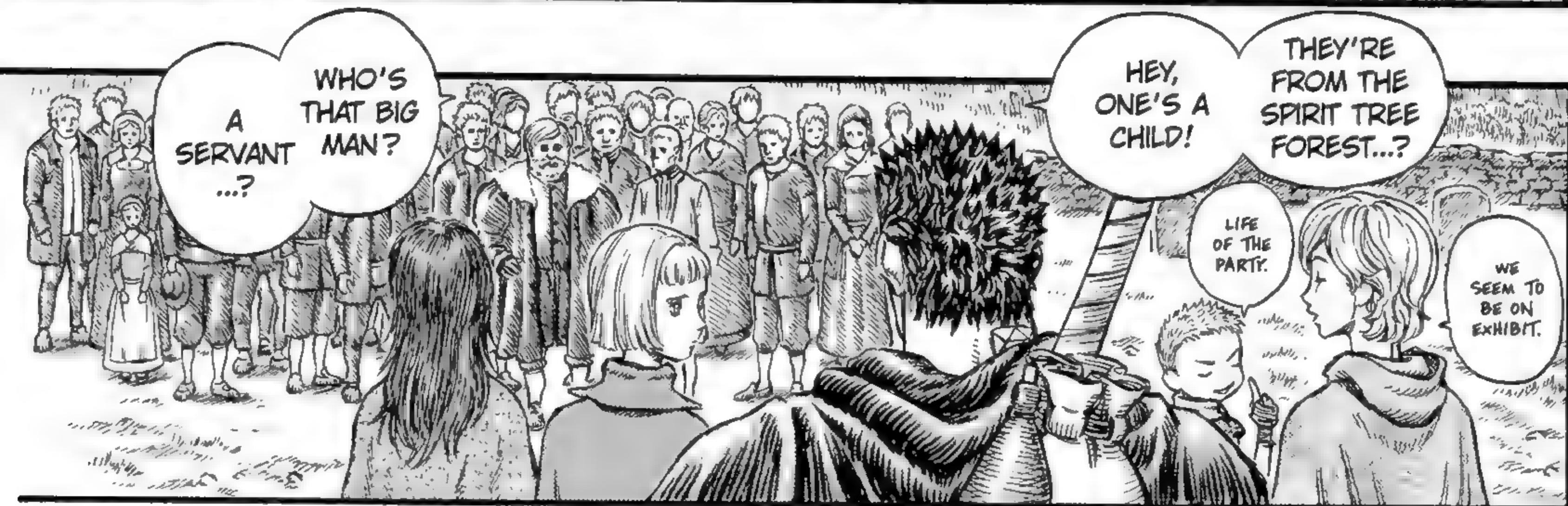
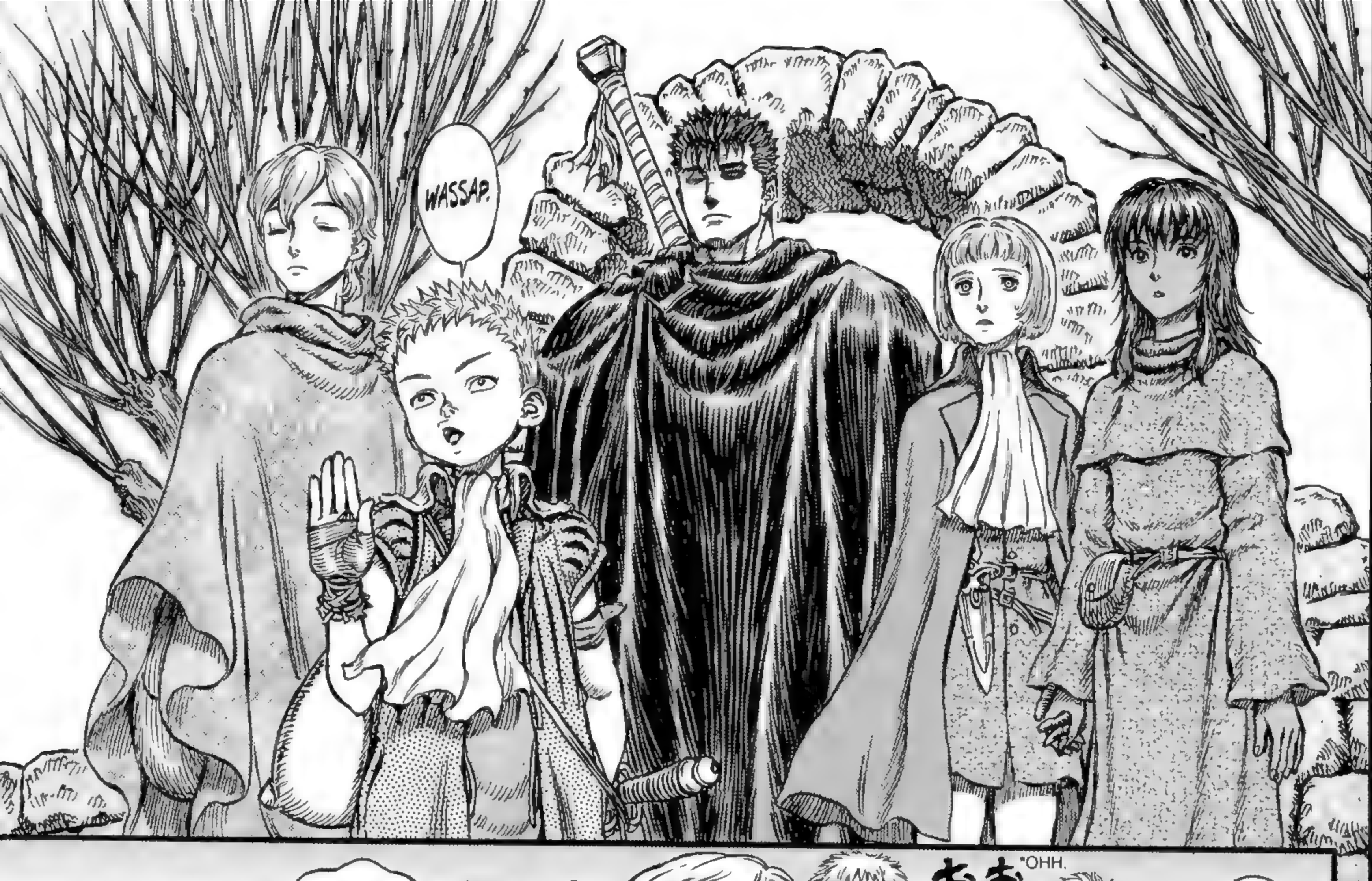
I REALIZE
IT'S A
TIME OF
MOURNING,
EVERYONE,
BUT...

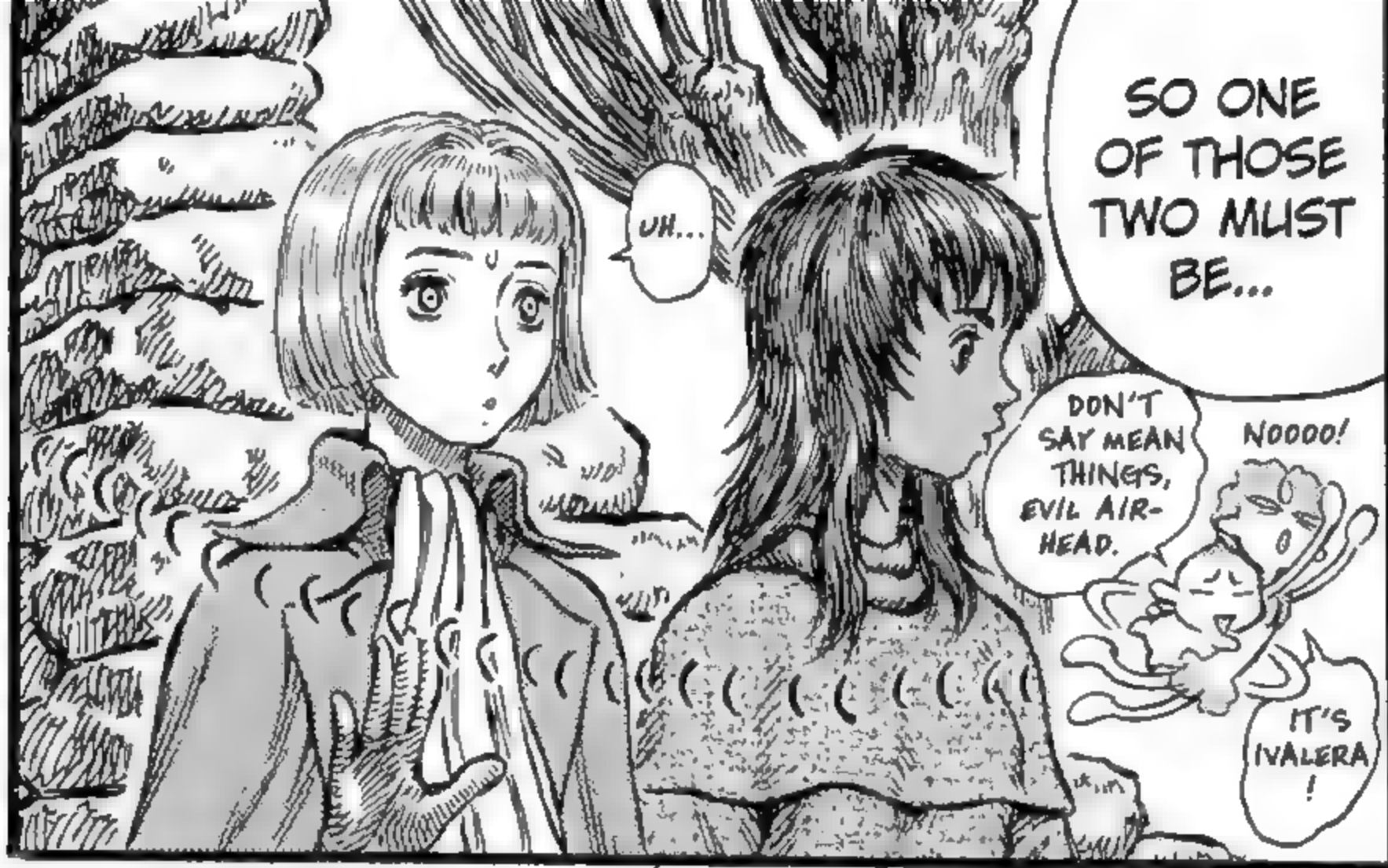
CHIEF.



...ARE
THEM.

THOSE
PEOPLE
THERE...





SO ONE OF THOSE TWO MUST BE...

UH...

DON'T SAY MEAN THINGS, EVIL AIR-HEAD.

NOOOO!

IT'S IVALERA!



WHAT'RE YOU HIDIN' FOR?

THE HONORABLE WITCH IS RIGHT HERE...

NO... PEOPLE!



...SHE MUST REALLY BE A WITCH!

IF SHE HAS THINGS QUEER AS ELVES WITH THEM...

THEM'S SOME RUDE FOLKS.

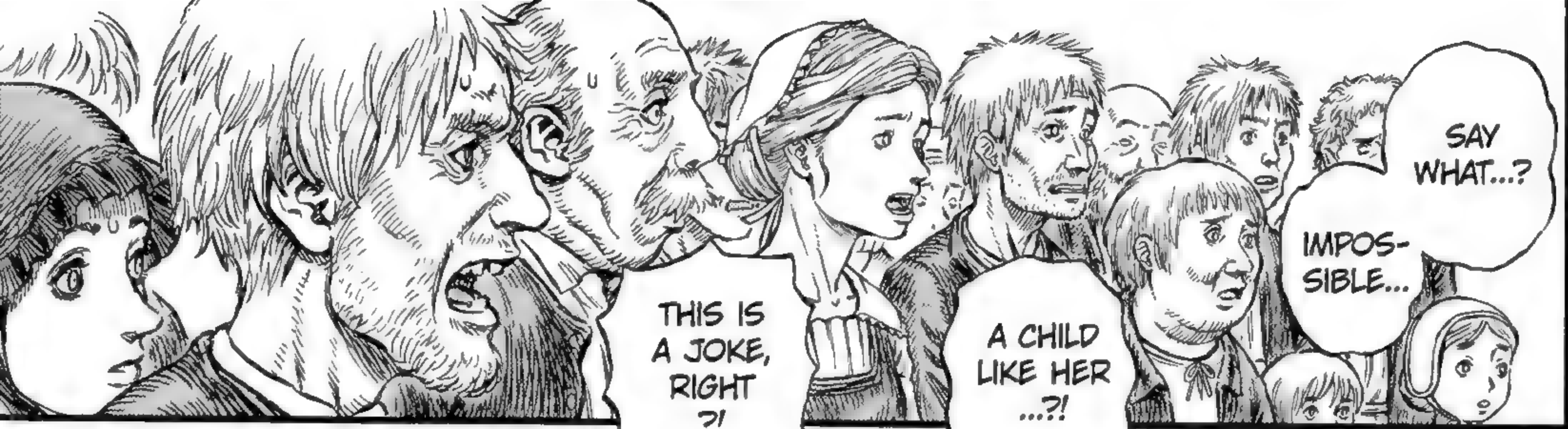
I'LL SAY! I DON'T WANT 'EM GROUPIN' ME WITH YOU!



NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.

*BOW
UNO

H...
HELLO.



THIS IS
A JOKE,
RIGHT
?!

A CHILD
LIKE HER
...?!

IMPOS-
SIBLE...

SAY
WHAT...?



OH,
MAN.



WELL,
NO.

IT'S NO
JOKE...

MORGAN,
WHAT'S THE
MEANING
OF THIS
JEST ?!



CAN'T
BLAME
'EM.

WELL...

.....



...TO
SATISFY
ONE'S
OWN
VANITY.

IT'S
ABSURD,
USING
MAGIC
THAT
WAY...

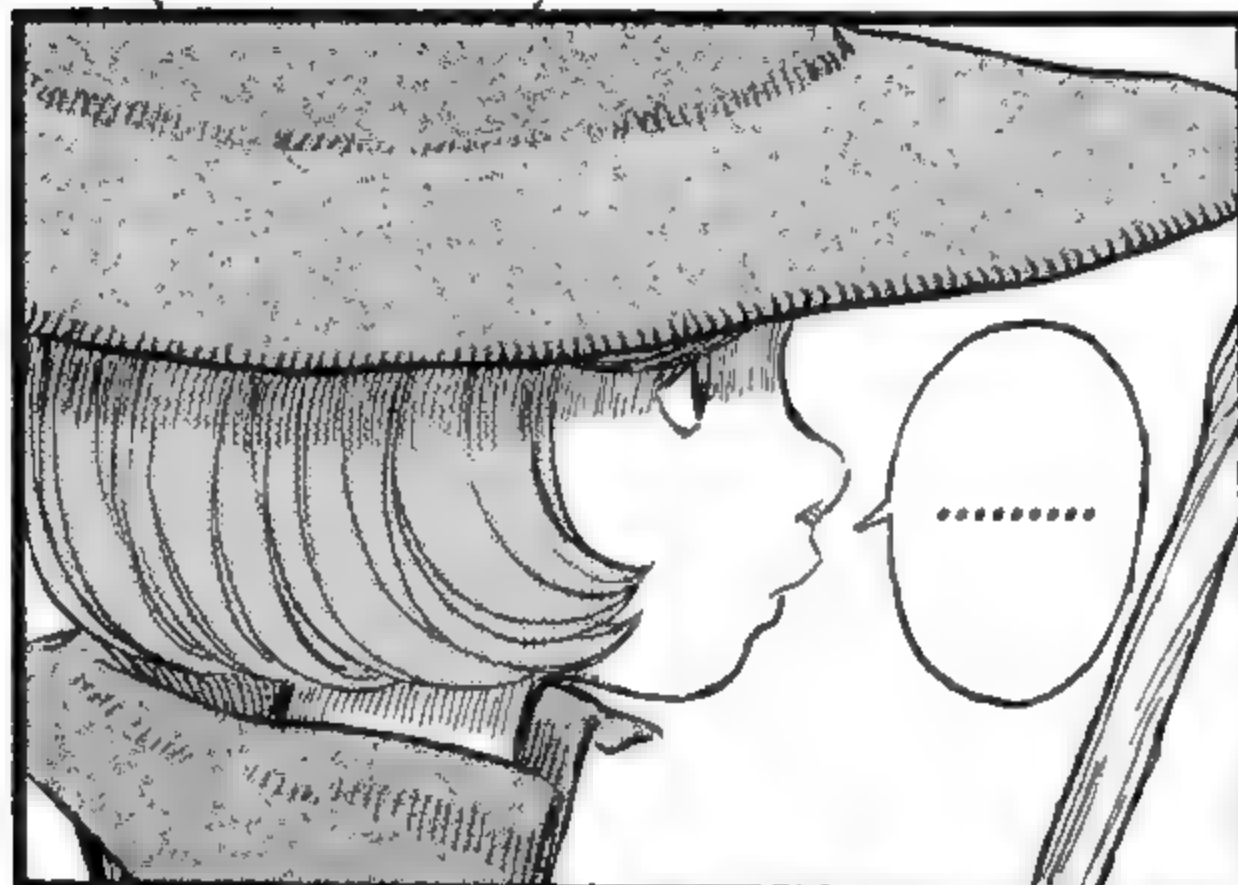


WHY NOT SHOW
'EM A SHOT
OF MAGIC?
TO HELP 'EM
GET IT ?

I CAN
DO NO
SUCH
THING!



I TOLD
YOU AS
MUCH,
VILLAGE
CHIEF.



WILL IT
NOT RATHER
RESULT IN
THE NEEDLESS
ADDITION OF
VICTIMS?



RELYING
ON DUBIOUS
SUPERSTITIONS
LIKE WITCHES
WILL NOT
RESOLVE OUR
PRESENT STATE
OF AFFAIRS
ONE BIT.





I KNEW IT. LITTLE GIRLS DON'T LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING.

YOU'RE NOT HELPIN' HERE.

JUGGLE NUT!

WATCH FIRST, PAY LATER.

WITH THAT GETUP, ARE YOU PEOPLE TRAVELING PERFORMERS? DID MORGAN APPEAL TO YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY?

NO WONDER... PRETENDING TO BE WITCHES AND PRACTICING DUBIOUS DIVINATION MUST BE YOUR FORTE.

PERFORMERS... MAKES SENSE ...



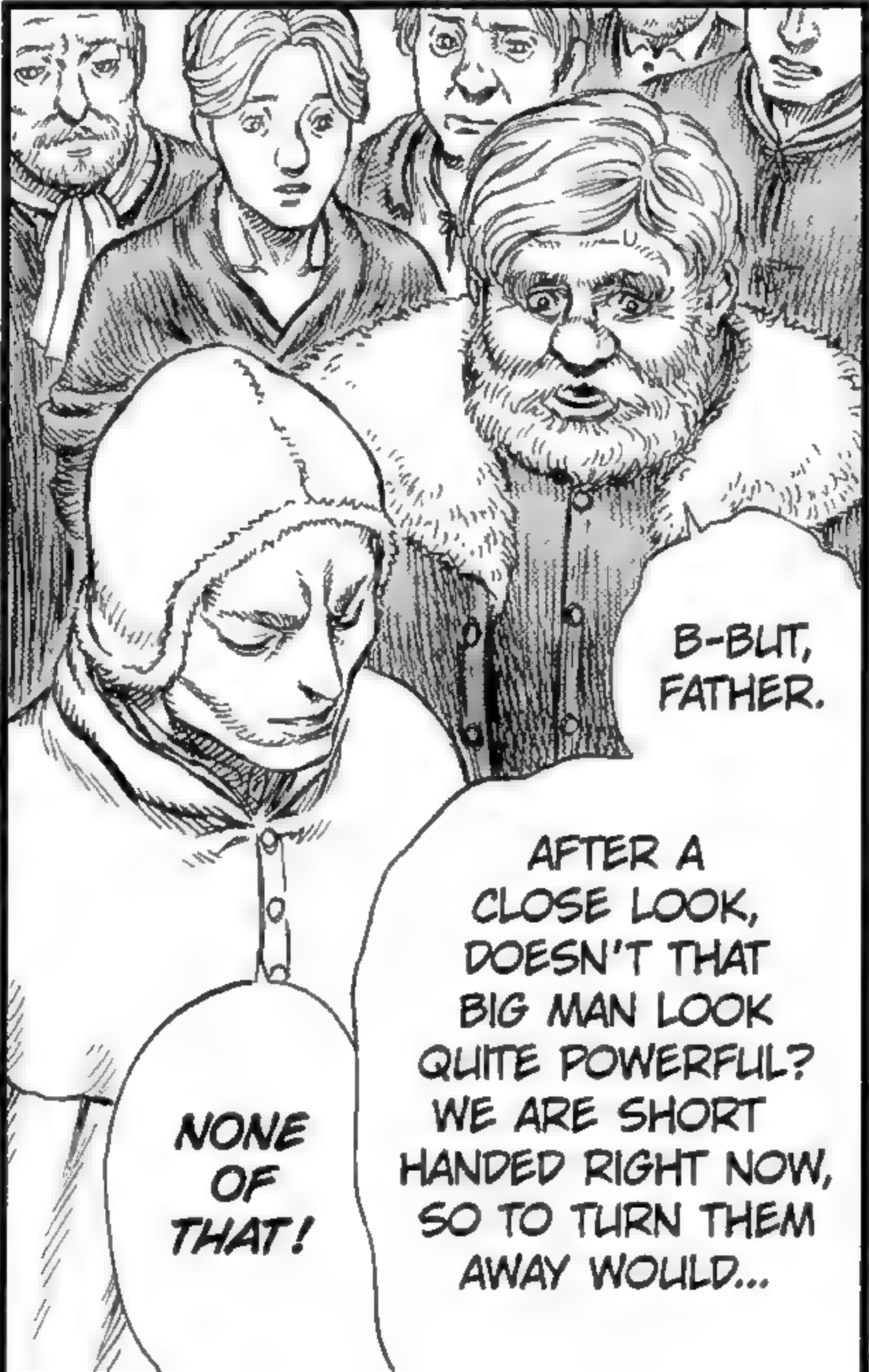
...BUT THOSE EVIL BEASTS ARE NOT THE SORT OF THING YOU CAN DEAL WITH. LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE.

HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO STICK YOUR NOSES INTO THIS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE ON A PLEASURE JAUNT OR WHAT...



ALL WE CAN DO IS PRAY AND ENDURE.

THIS IS A TEST GIVEN BY GOD TO THIS VILLAGE.



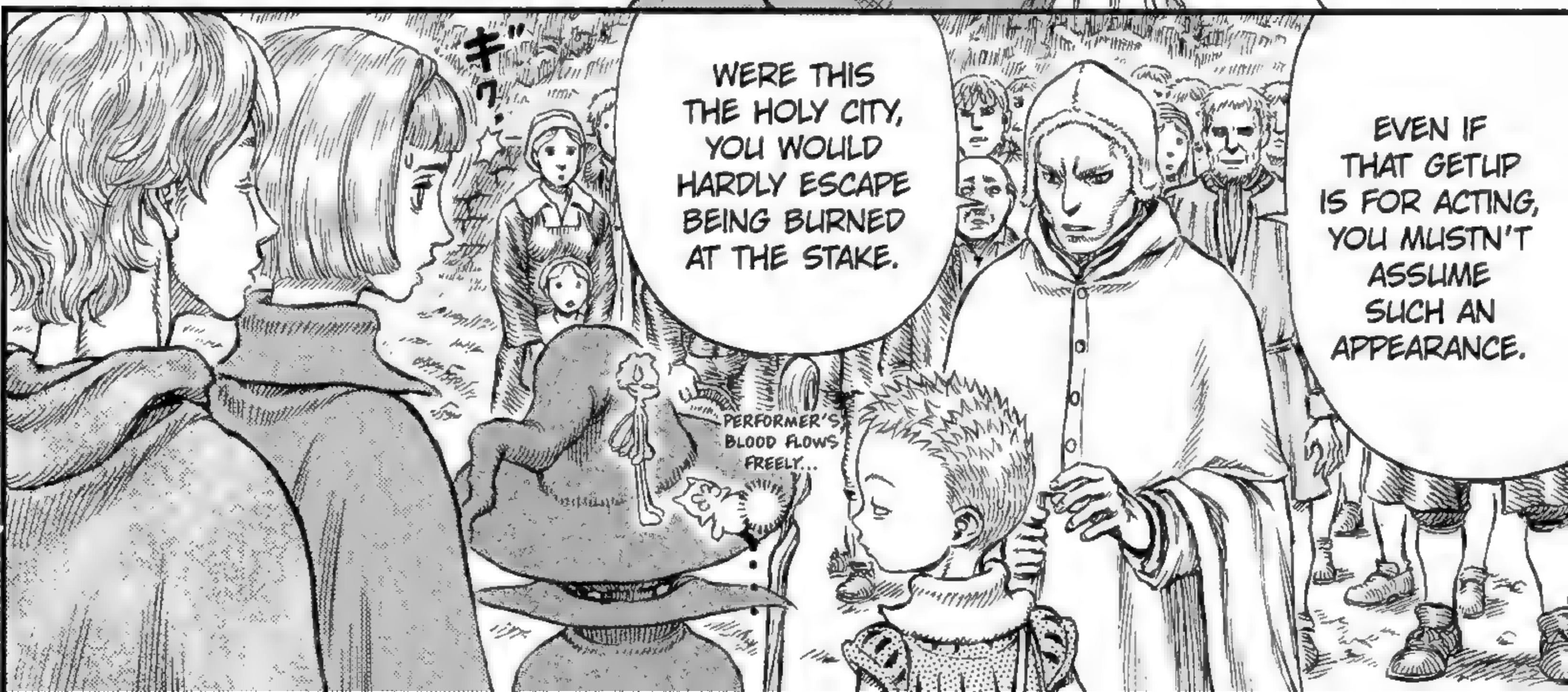
B-BUT, FATHER.

AFTER A CLOSE LOOK, DOESN'T THAT BIG MAN LOOK QUITE POWERFUL? WE ARE SHORT HANDED RIGHT NOW, SO TO TURN THEM AWAY WOULD...

NONE OF THAT!



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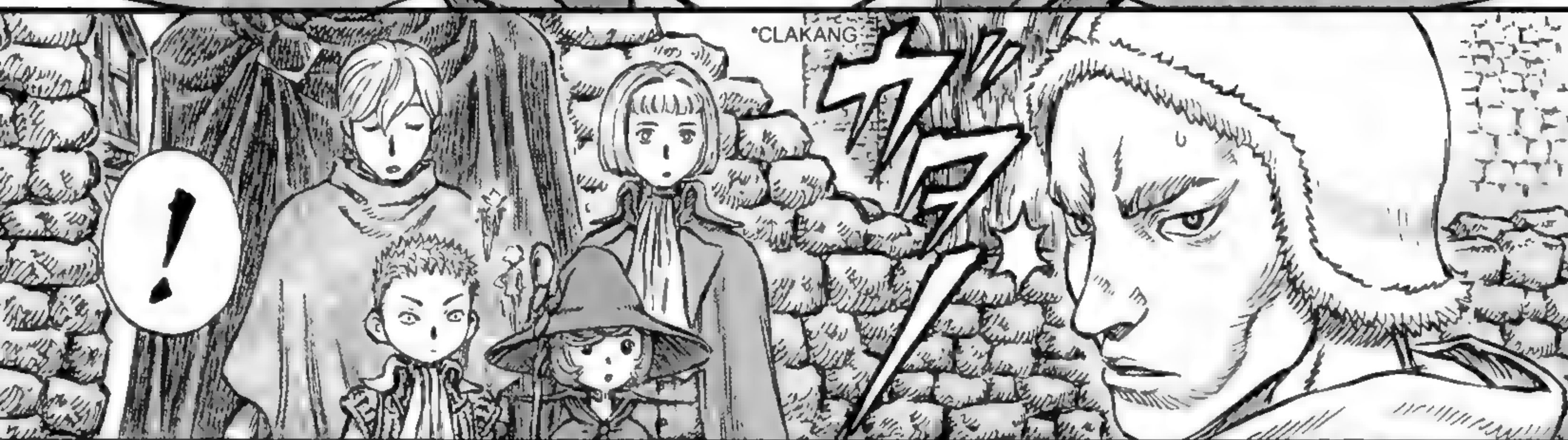




...SYMBOLS OF
APOSTASY AND
WICKEDNESS.

WITCHES
AND THE
LIKE...

...ARE
NOTHING
BUT...



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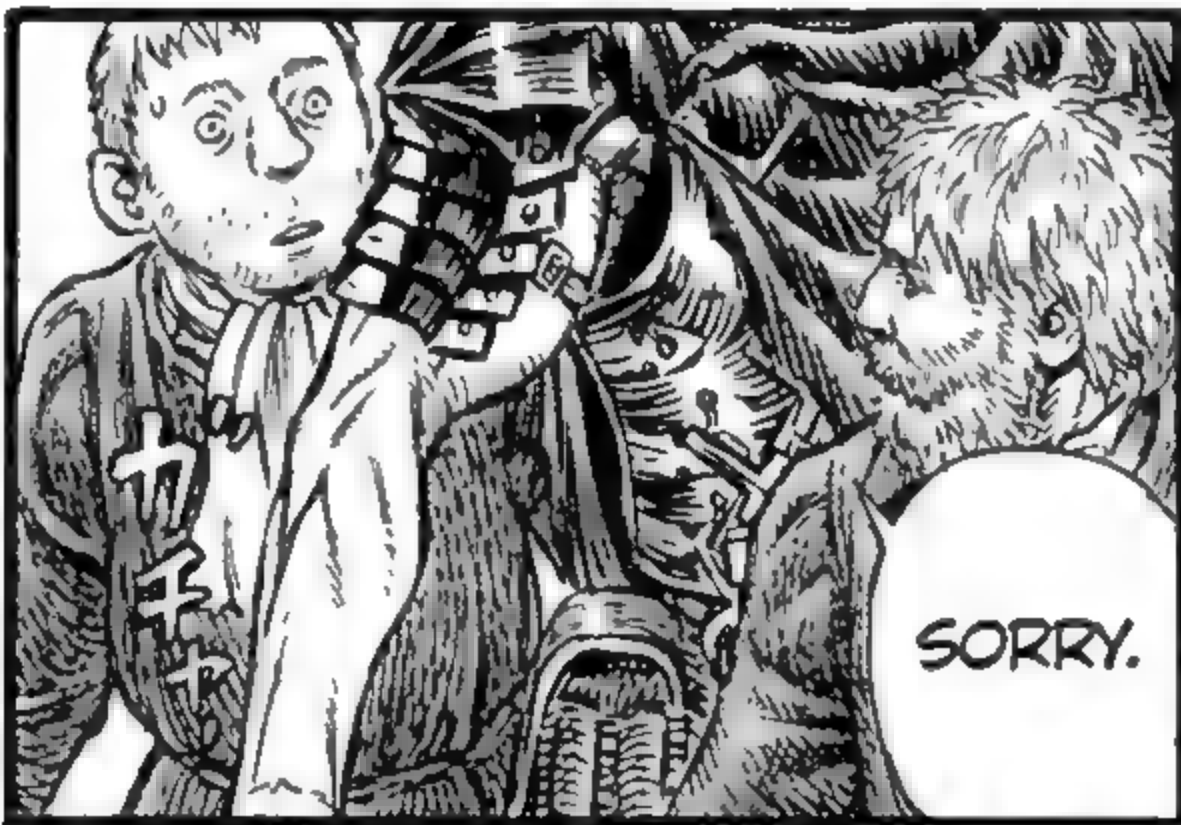


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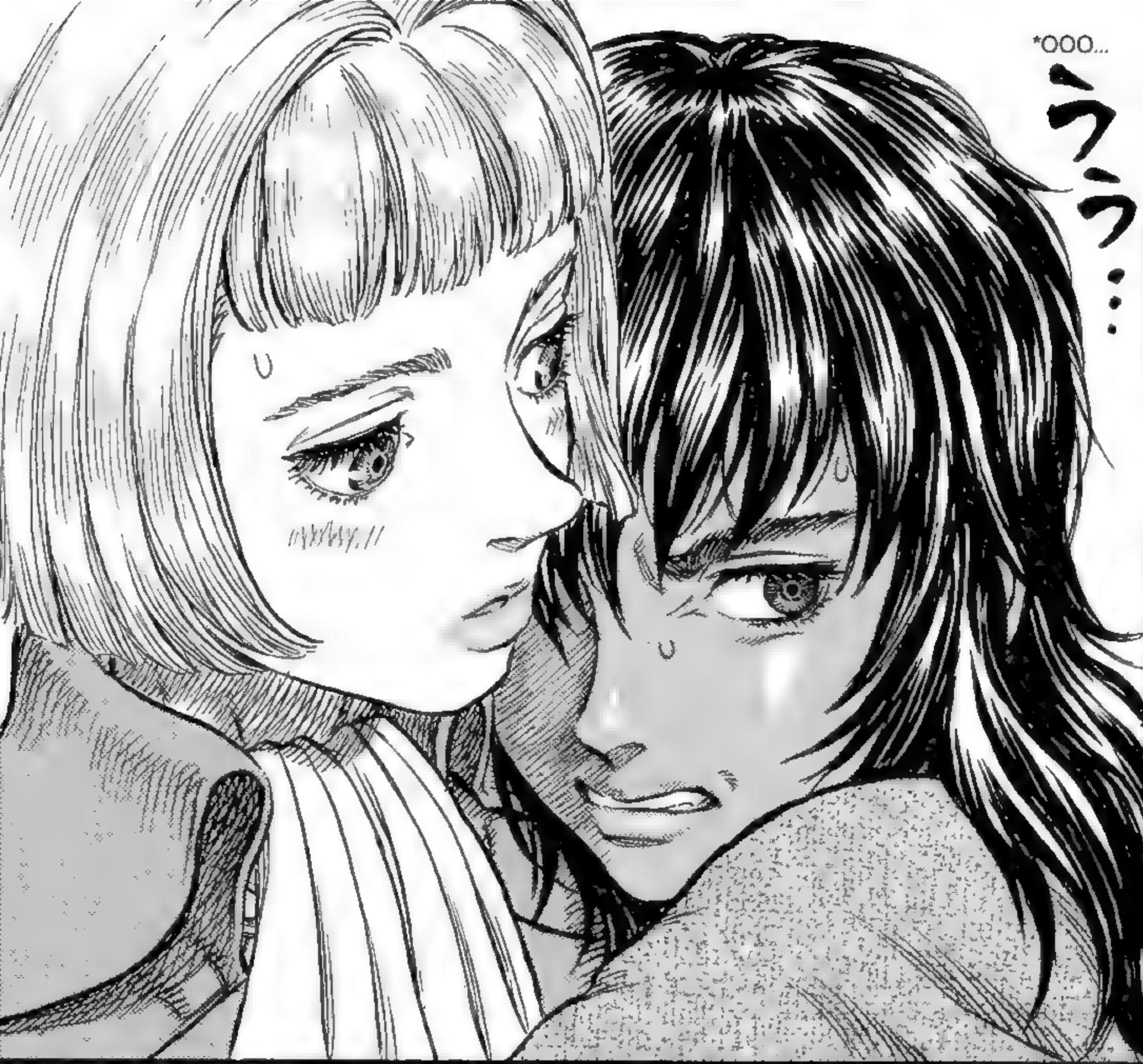


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*FX: GCHAK





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*TNNG

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*GLOMP

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*DMP DMP DMP



SORRY
'BOUT
THAT.

YOU SEE
HOW IT
IS.



THIS IS
NO TIME
FOR--

NAY!



SHE'S
A PILGRIM,
PRAYING TO
REGAIN HER
HEALTH.



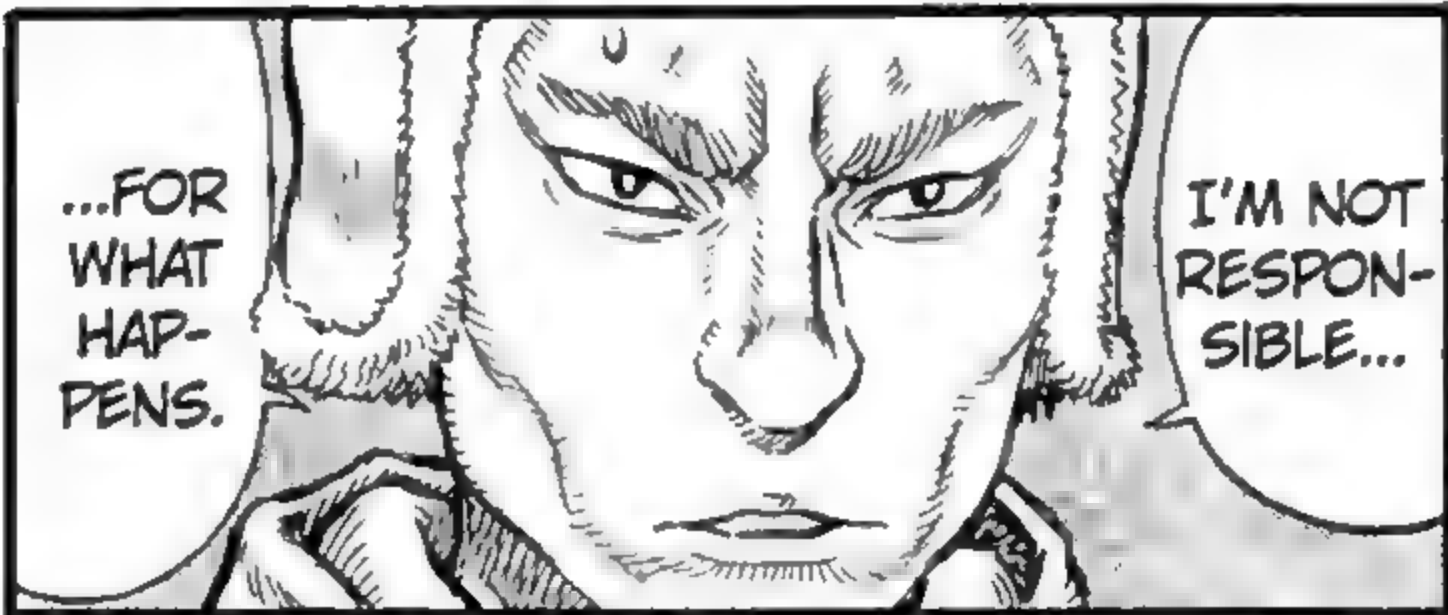
COULD WE
HAVE A PLACE
TO STAY FOR
THE NIGHT?

LONG
JOURNEYS WITH
THE SICK AND
KIDS'RE REALLY
TIRING.



...SHOW
CHARITY TO
PILGRIMS.

IT'S
CUSTOMARY
THAT THE
CHURCH
...



...FOR
WHAT
HAP-
PENS.

I'M NOT
RESPON-
SIBLE...



L...
LOOK
AT THAT
SWORD
!!

WE
OWE YOU
ONE.

A-
AMAZIN'
...!!

THAT
LEFT
ARM...

IS IT
REAL
...?

??
*HMPH



.....



FATHER ?

PREPARE LODGING FOR THEM, CHIEF.



THAT WAS GOOD THINKING.

LET'S GO, IT'S BAD TO HOLD UP A FUNERAL.

GEEZ, YOU TWO...

ME TOO.

ANYWAY, I'M HUNGRY.



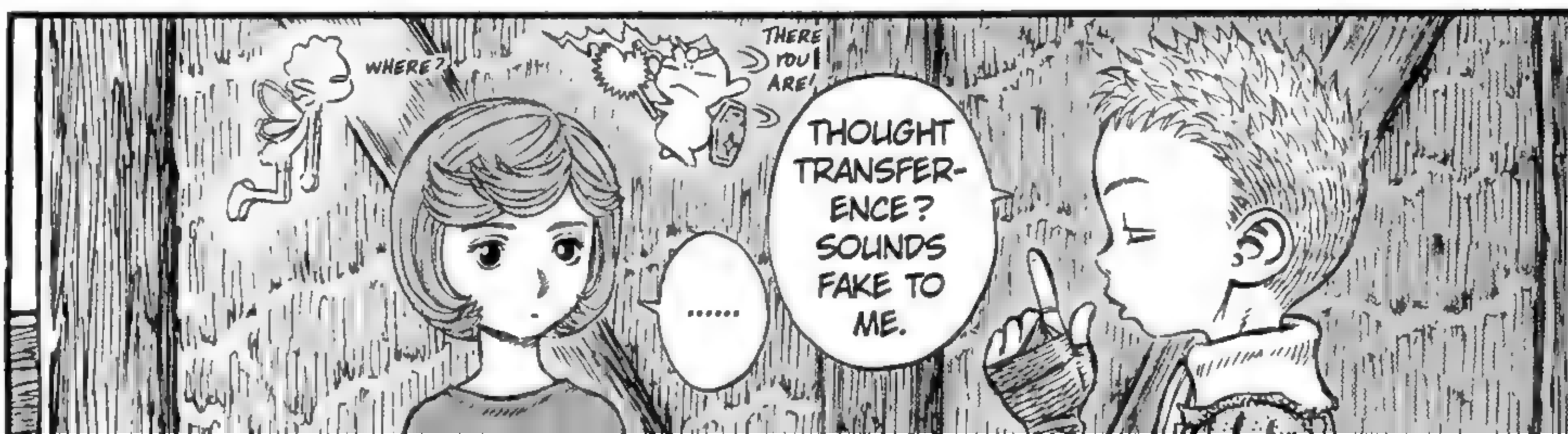
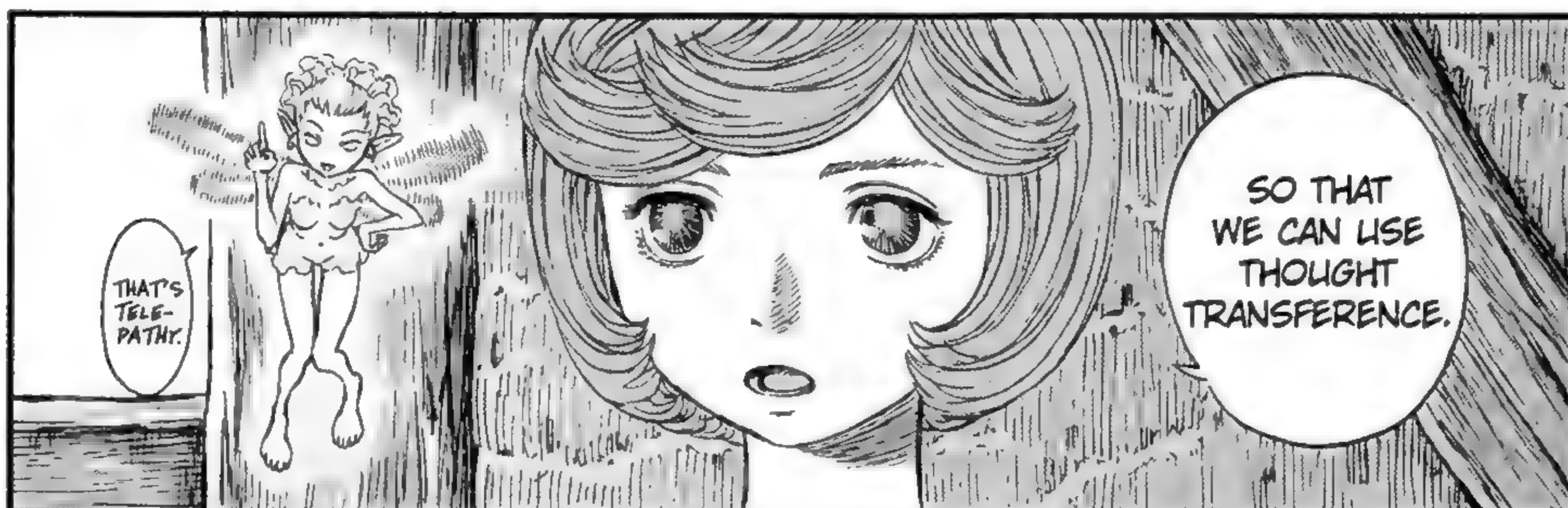
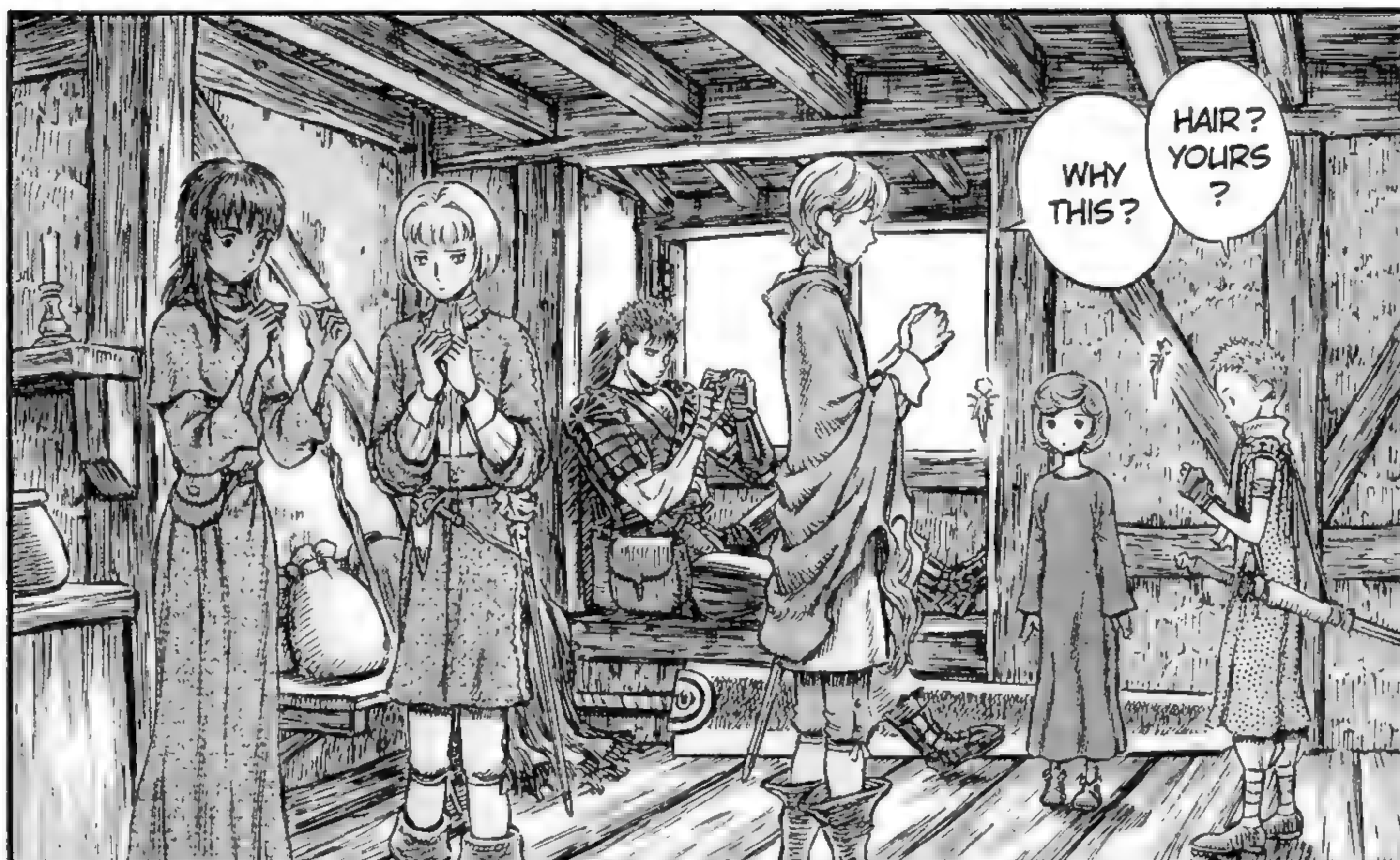
...THE SIGNIFICANT NATURE THIS ENCOUNTER WILL BEAR FOR YOU.

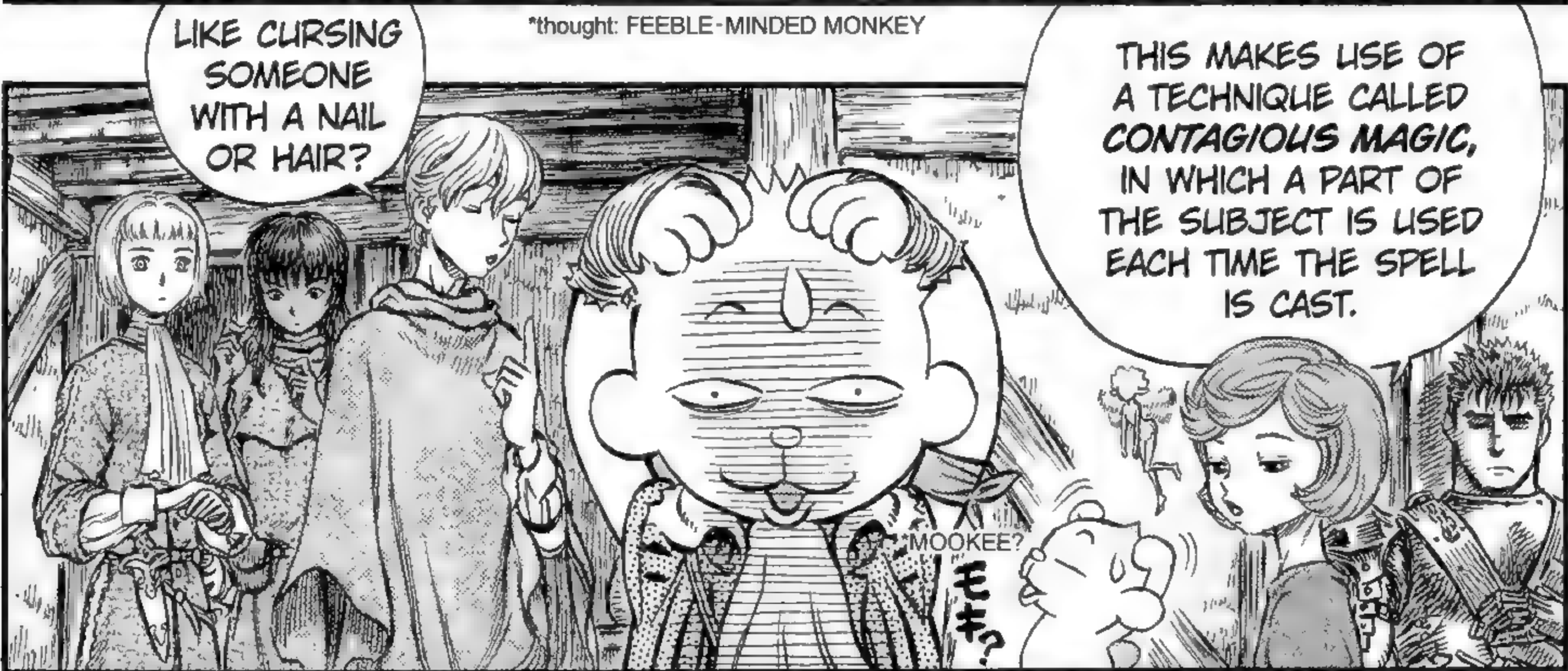
GO AND WITNESS WITH YOUR OWN EYES...

FALCON OF THE MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER
AMBITION AND REFLECTION

野望と追憶

BERSERK



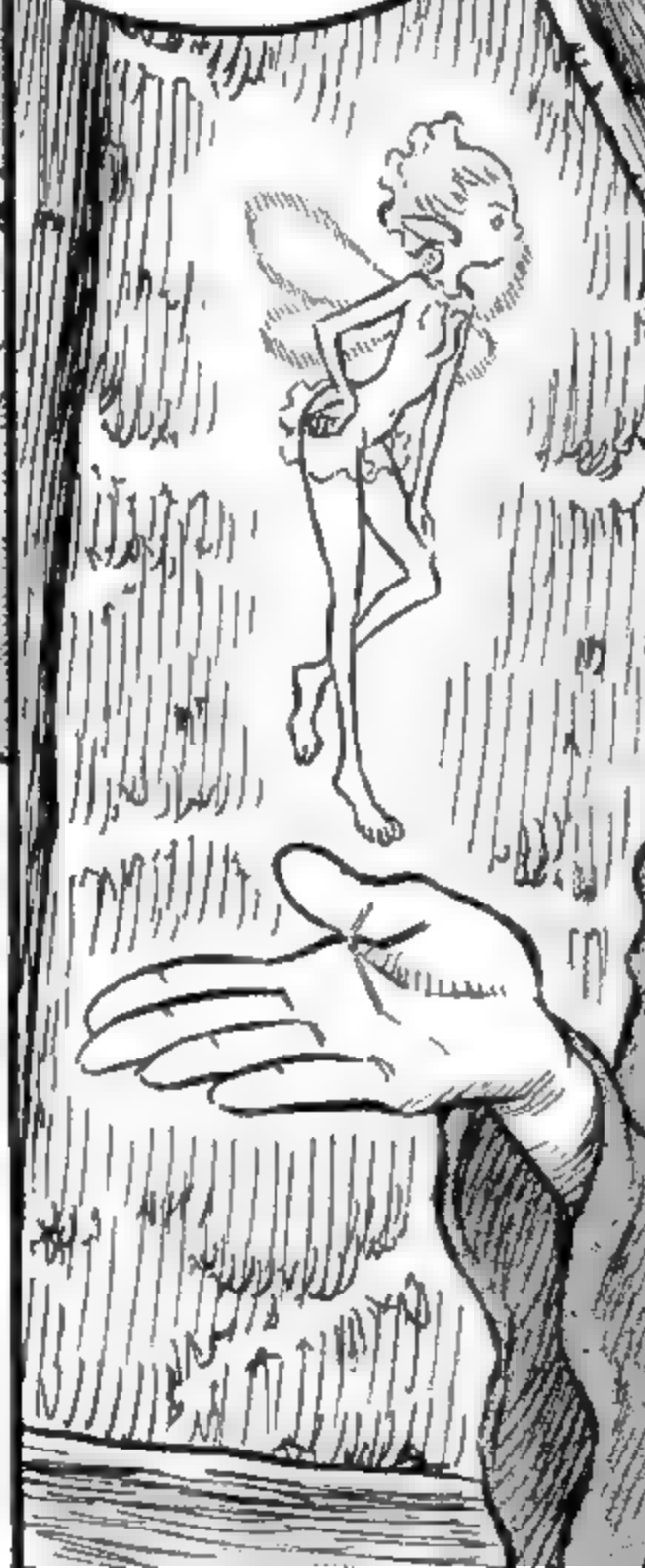


FURTHER, FOR THOSE WHO LACK TRAINING IN THE CONCRETE VISUALIZATION OF IMAGES, THOUGHTS, BEFORE THEY ARE GIVEN FORM VIA LETTERS AND WORDS, ARE VAGUE AND INCONSTANT.

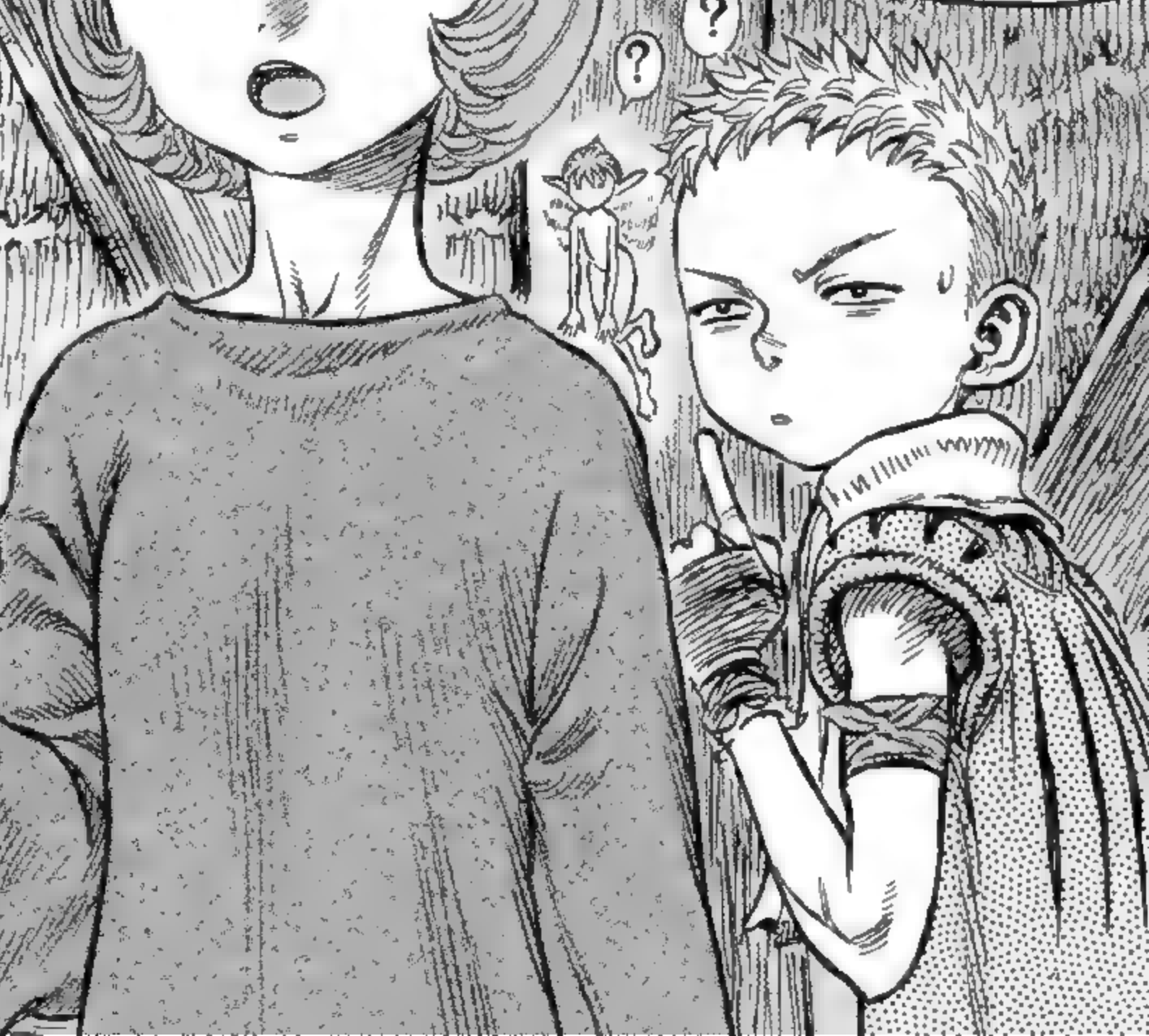


UNTIL YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED, PLEASE SOUND OUT THE WORDS DISTINCTLY IN YOUR MIND. IF YOU MASTER THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE, THE COMMUNICATION OF INTENT FAR BEYOND THAT OF NORMAL CONVERSATION BECOMES POSSIBLE.

WITH THOSE HAIRS ATTACHED TO YOU, YOUR OD FIELDS ARE SUBCONSCIOUSLY ADHERED TO MINE.



TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, EVERY HUMAN IS CAPABLE OF DIRECTLY EXCHANGING THOUGHTS. JUST FOR THAT, IT IS NECESSARY TO CONNECT THEIR OD... THEIR SPIRITUAL MAGNETISM.





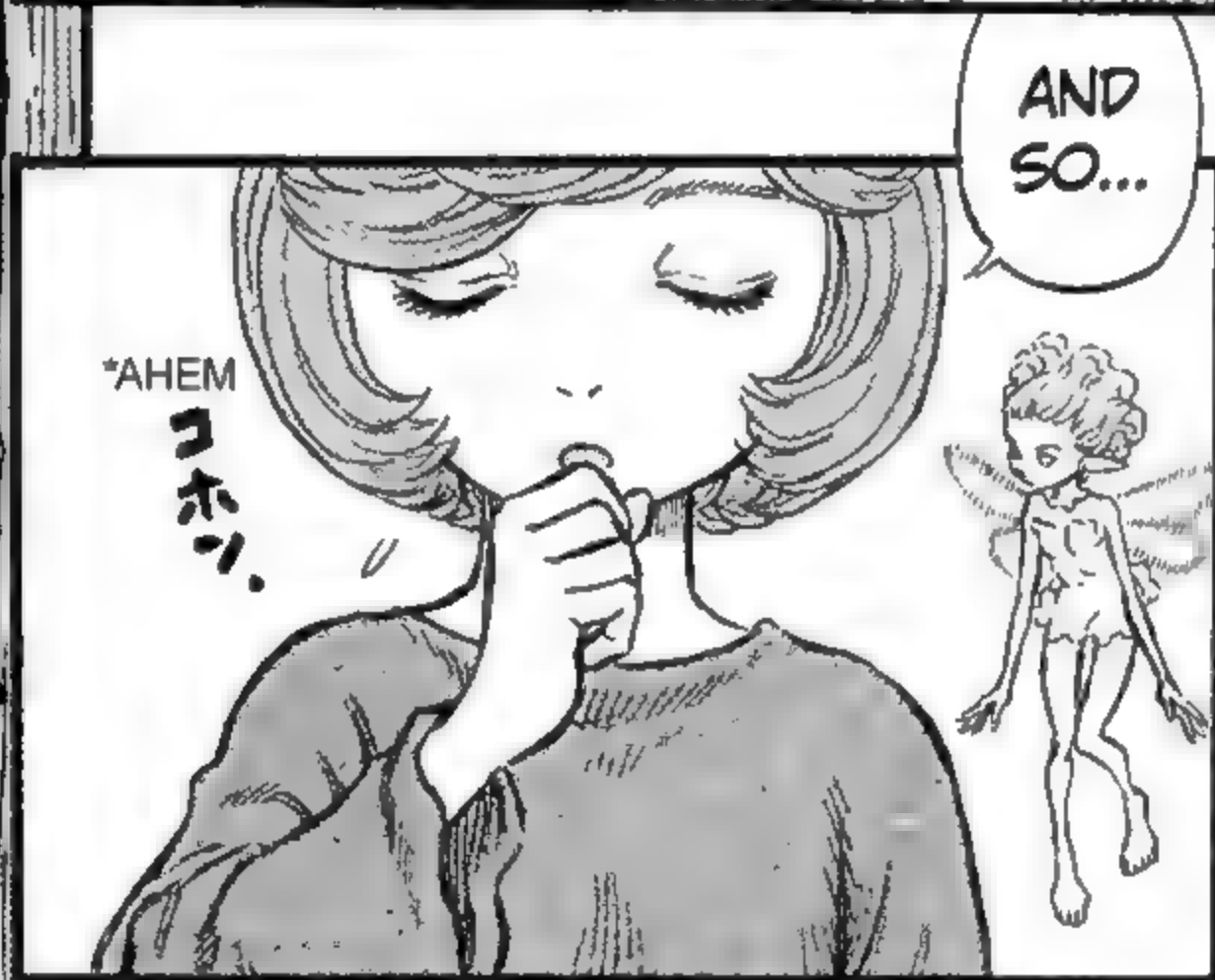
...IN
REGARDS
TO THIS
TROLL
SLAYING...

...I WANT
EVERYONE TO
ABIDE BY MY
INSTRUCTIONS.



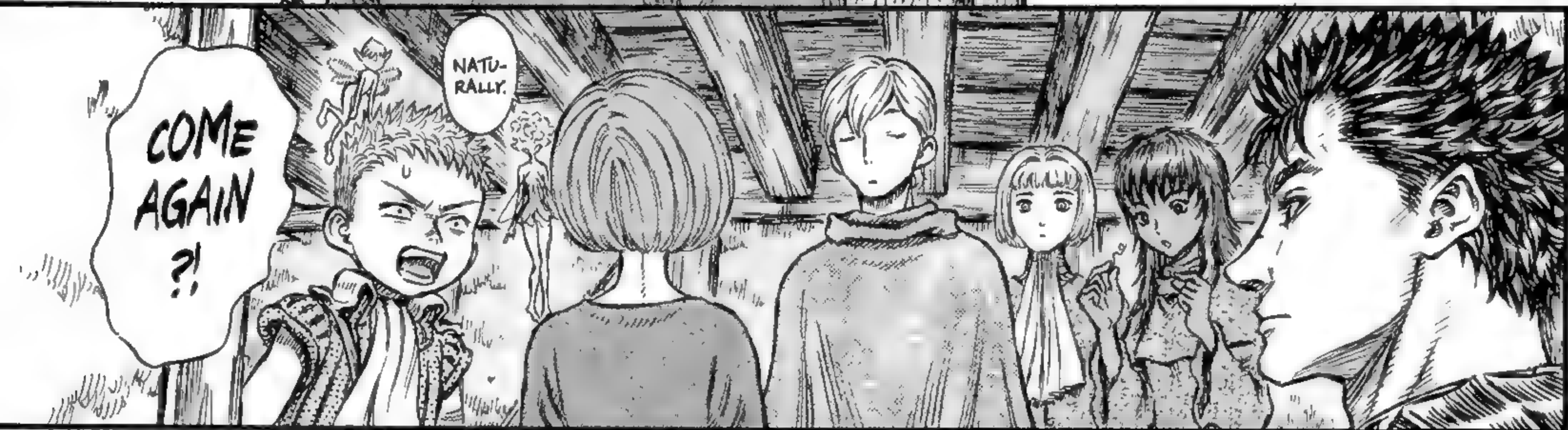
THAT IS
IMPOSSIBLE
SO SOON.

JUST
WITH
YOU?
ANYONE
ELSE
?



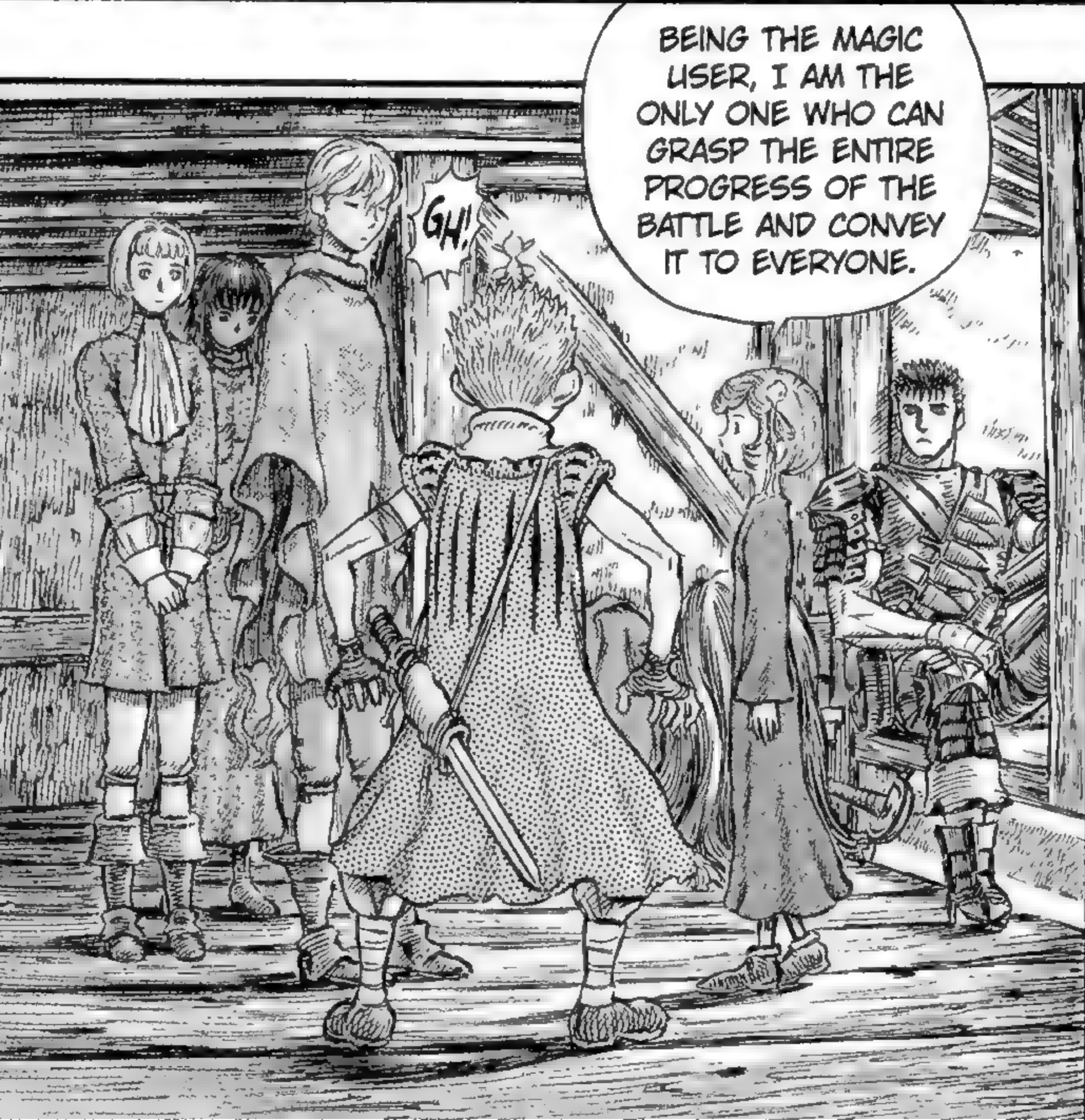
AND
SO...

*AHEM
コホッ.



COME
AGAIN
?!

NATU-
RALLY.



BEING THE MAGIC
USER, I AM THE
ONLY ONE WHO CAN
GRASP THE ENTIRE
PROGRESS OF THE
BATTLE AND CONVEY
IT TO EVERYONE.



WHO'S
GONNA BE
WRAPPED
AROUND
THE FINGER
OF SOME
LITTLE
GOODY-
GOODY LIKE
YOU?!

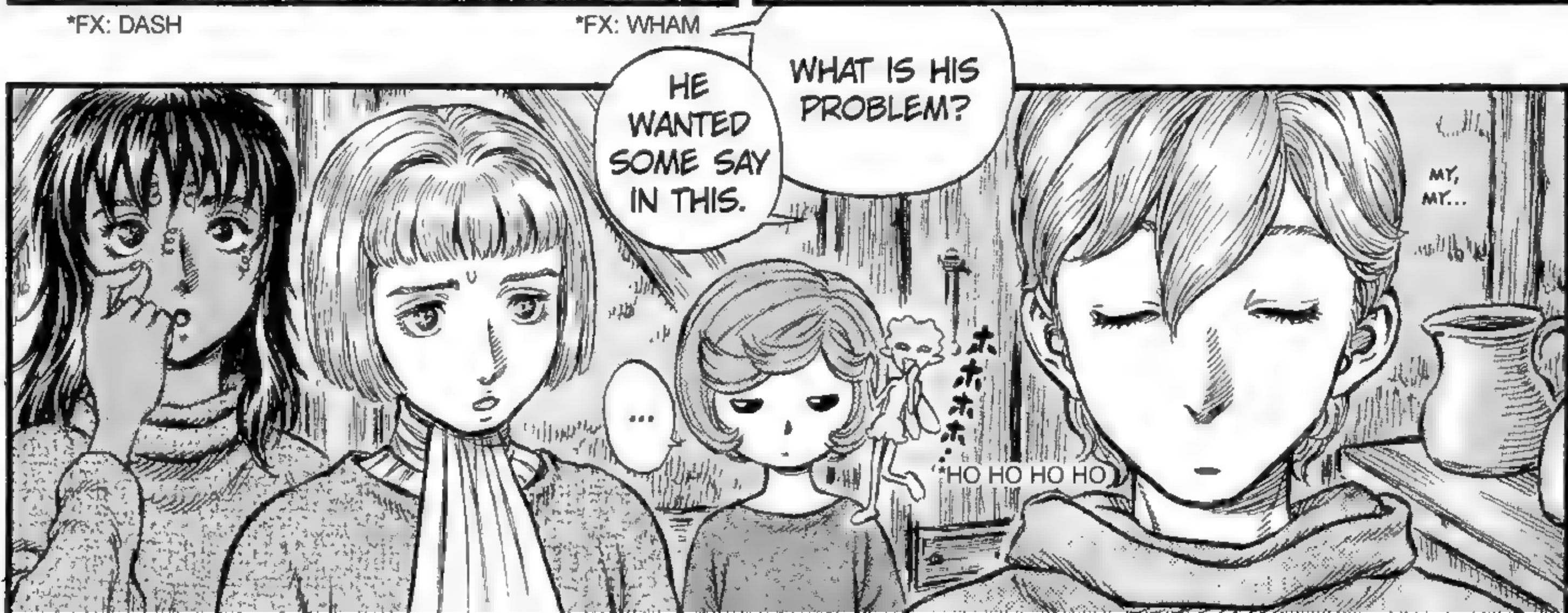
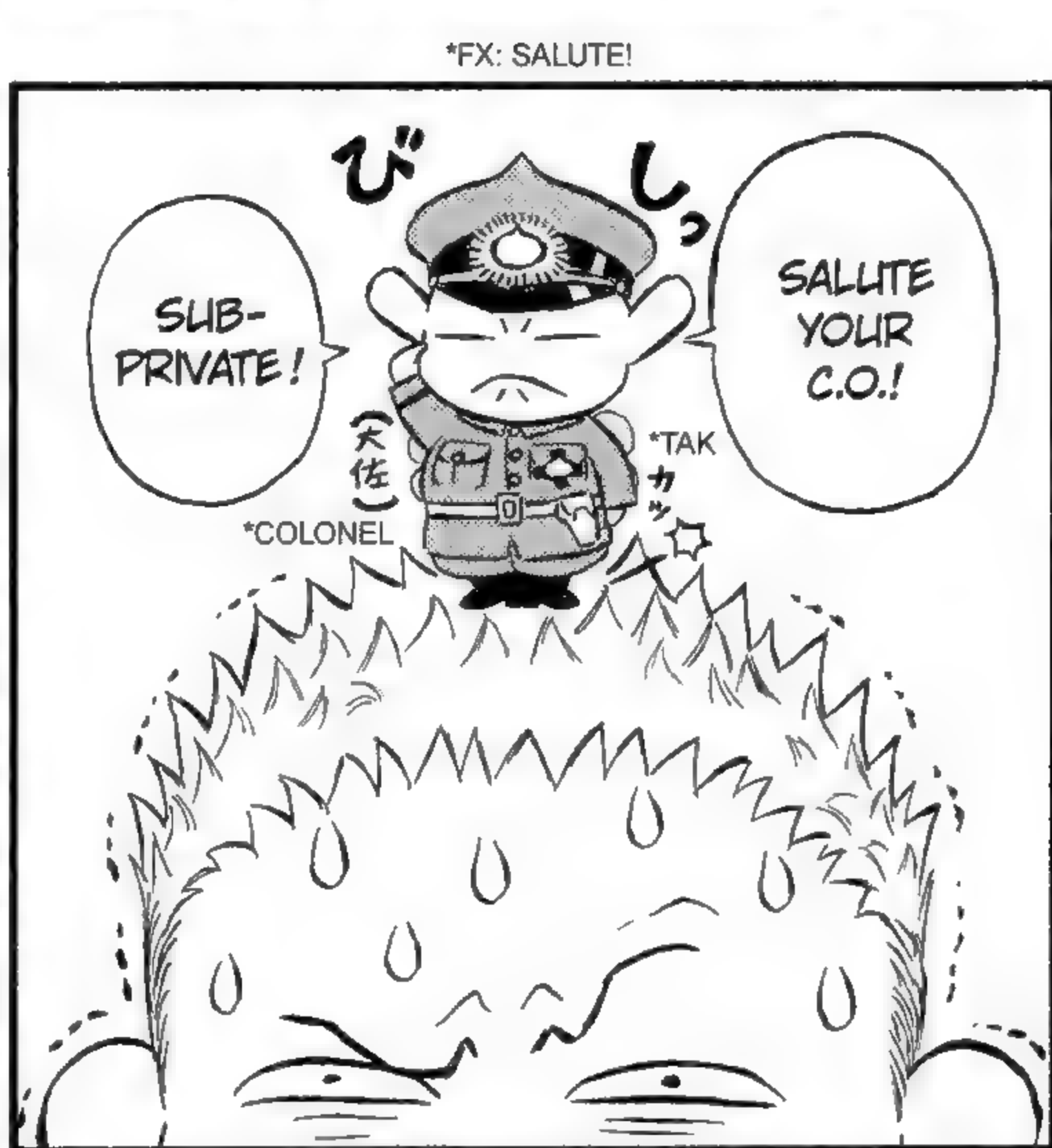
TH-THAT
AIN'T
FUNNY!!
JUST
'CAUSE YOU
CAN USE
A LITTLE
MAGIC,
YOU'RE
GONNA ACT
LIKE OUR
LEADER
?!

IT
MAKES
THE
MOST
SENSE.



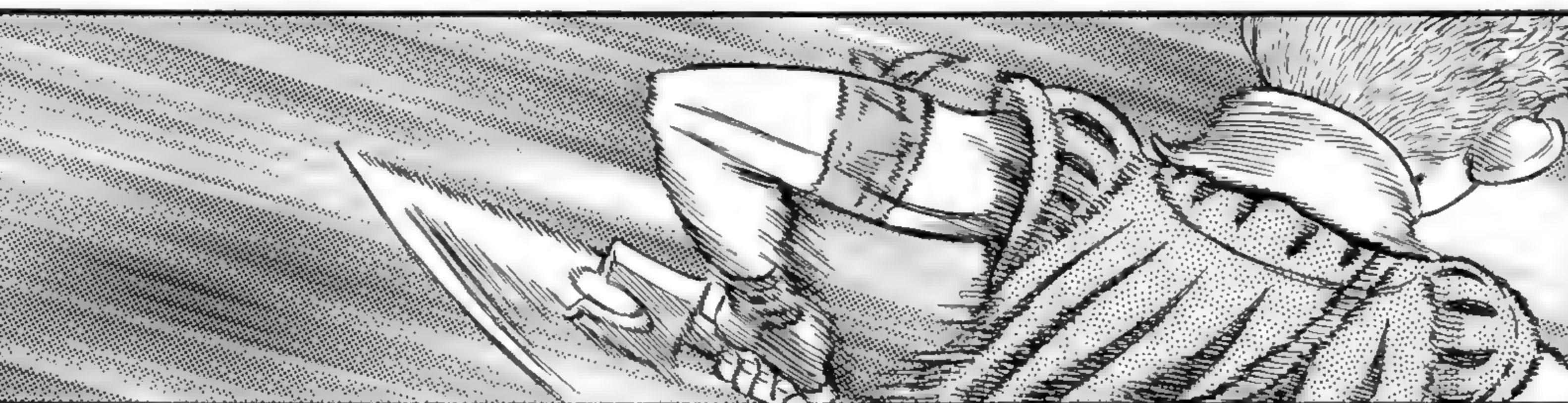
*FX: DASH

*FX: WHAM

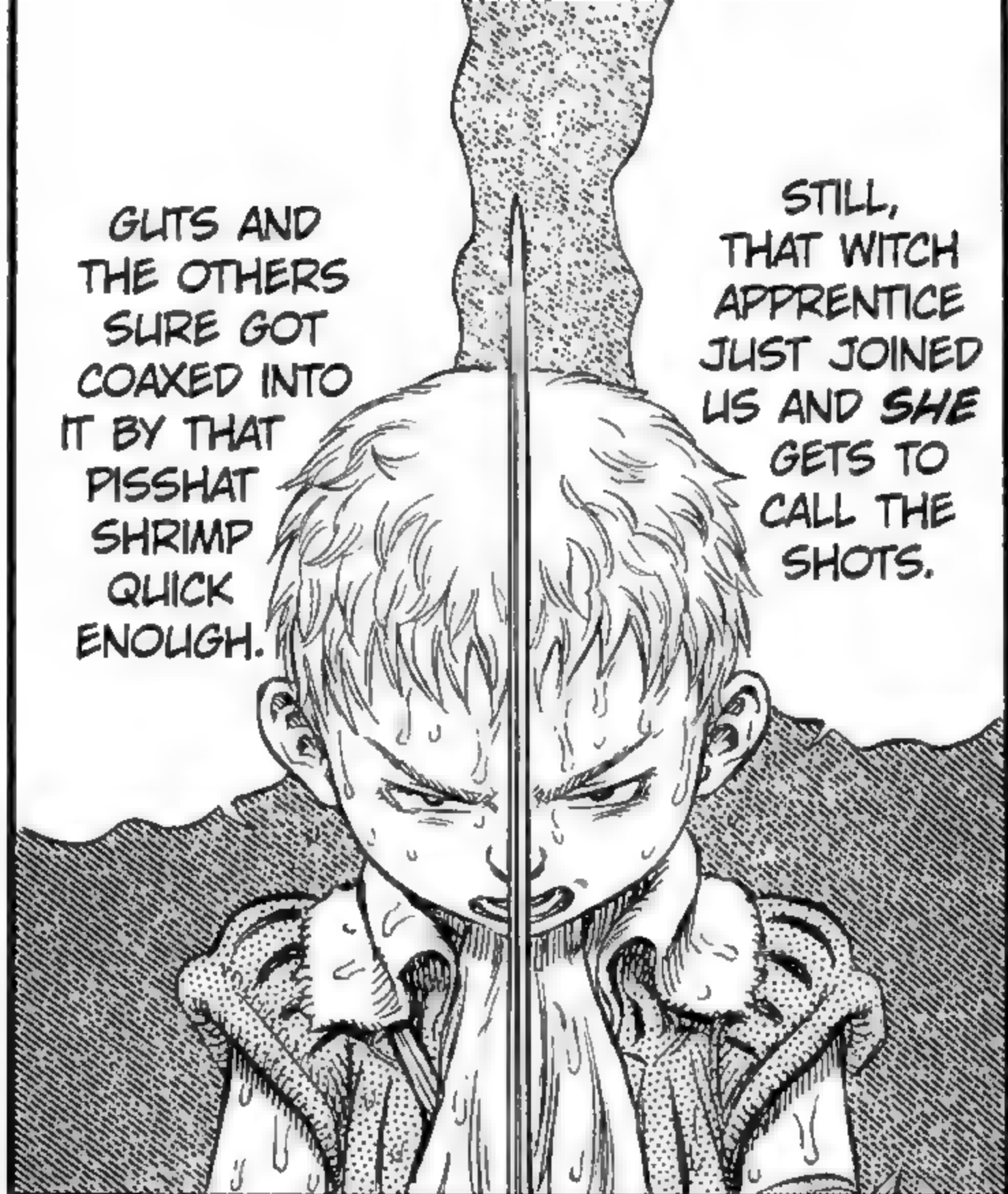




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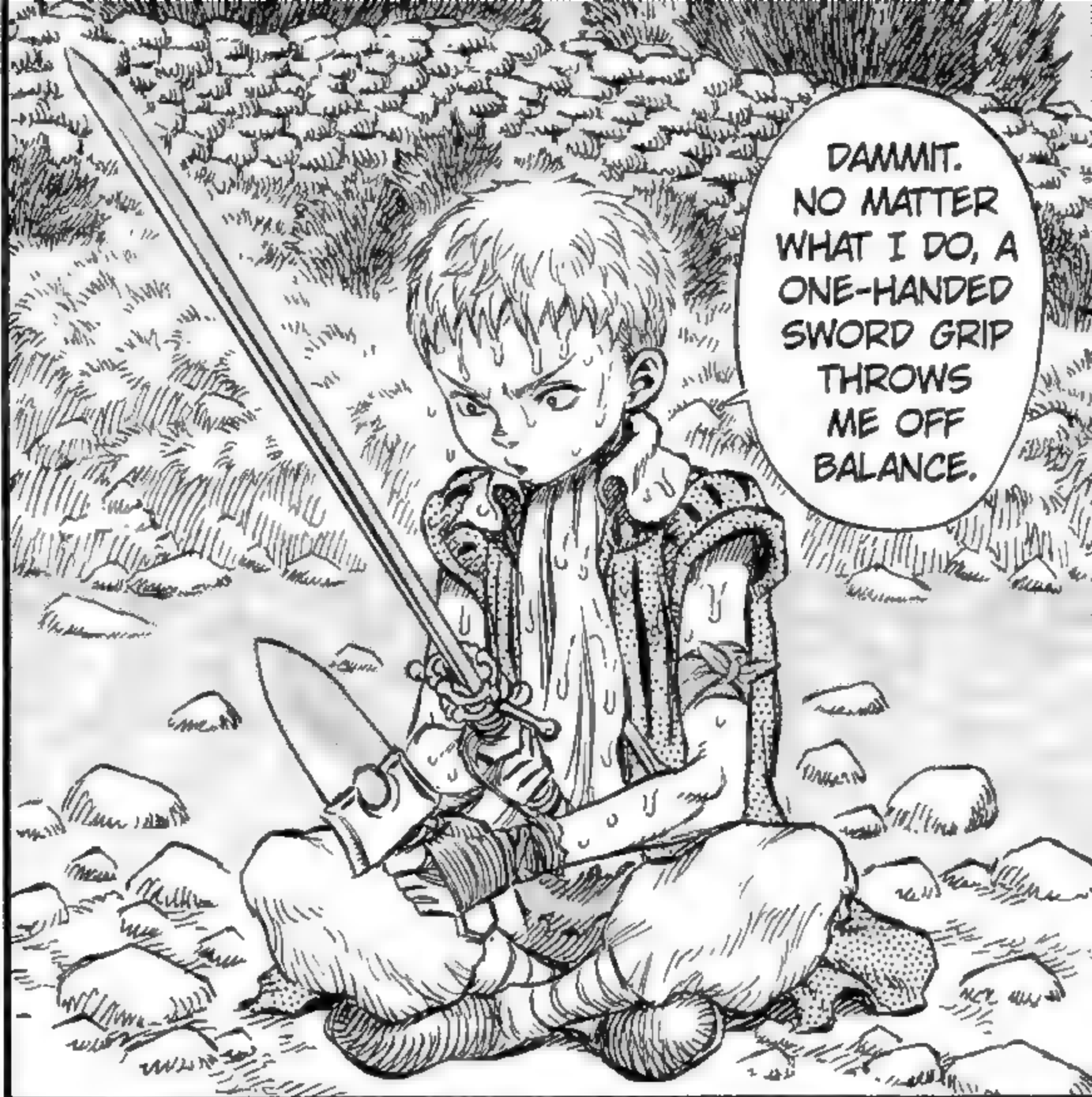


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*SPLASH



GLITS AND THE OTHERS SURE GOT COAXED INTO IT BY THAT PISSHAT SHRIMP QUICK ENOUGH.

STILL, THAT WITCH APPRENTICE JUST JOINED US AND SHE GETS TO CALL THE SHOTS.



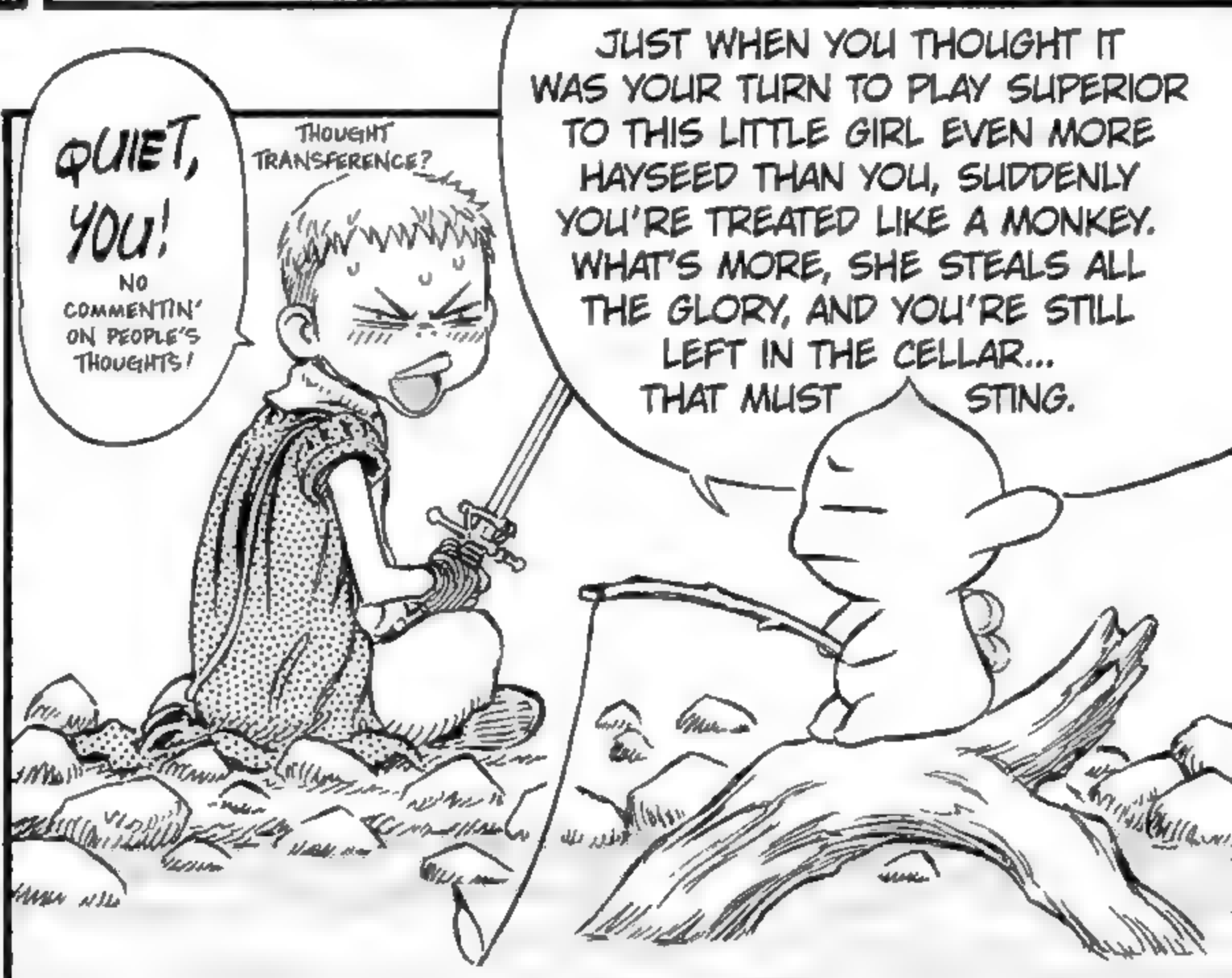
DAMMIT. NO MATTER WHAT I DO, A ONE-HANDED SWORD GRIP THROWS ME OFF BALANCE.



WHAT HARD WORK. SWORD PRACTICE, SON?

! OLD MAN.

IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE ALONE, THOUGH.



QUIET, YOU!

NO COMMENTIN' ON PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS!

THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE?

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR TURN TO PLAY SUPERIOR TO THIS LITTLE GIRL EVEN MORE HAYSEED THAN YOU, SUDDENLY YOU'RE TREATED LIKE A MONKEY. WHAT'S MORE, SHE STEALS ALL THE GLORY, AND YOU'RE STILL LEFT IN THE CELLAR... THAT MUST STING.



NEARLY ALL THE FISH IN THIS RIVER'VE BEEN CAUGHT.

BUT NO USE.



I THOUGHT I'D GET SOME FISH FOR YOU ALL'S DINNER ...

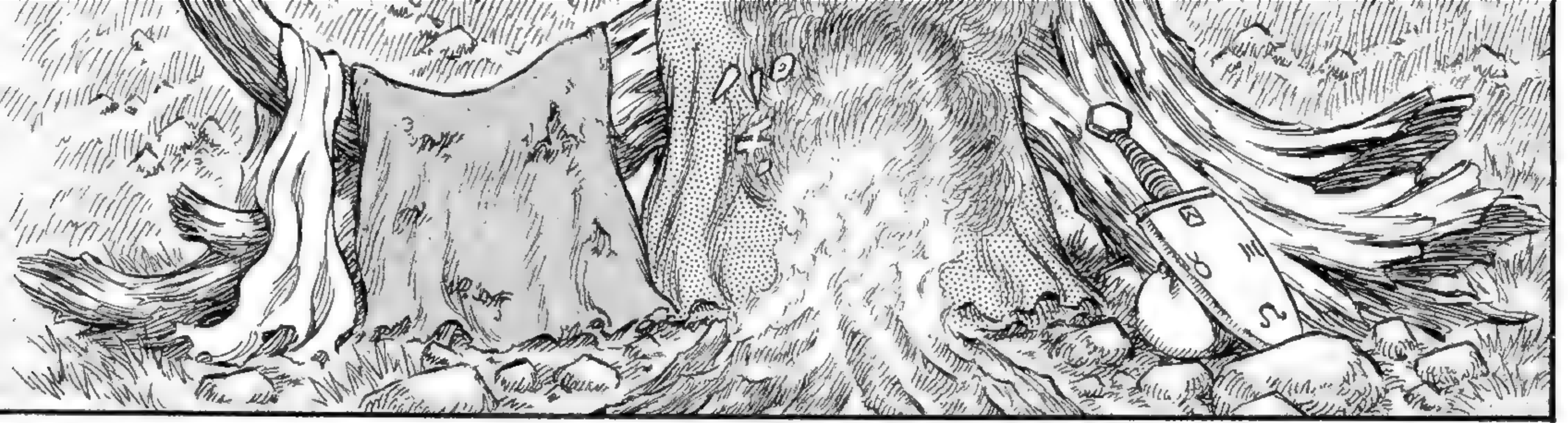
HMMM.

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', THEN?



WELL, POTATO SOUP WILL HAVE TO DO.

WANT SOME'A MINE?

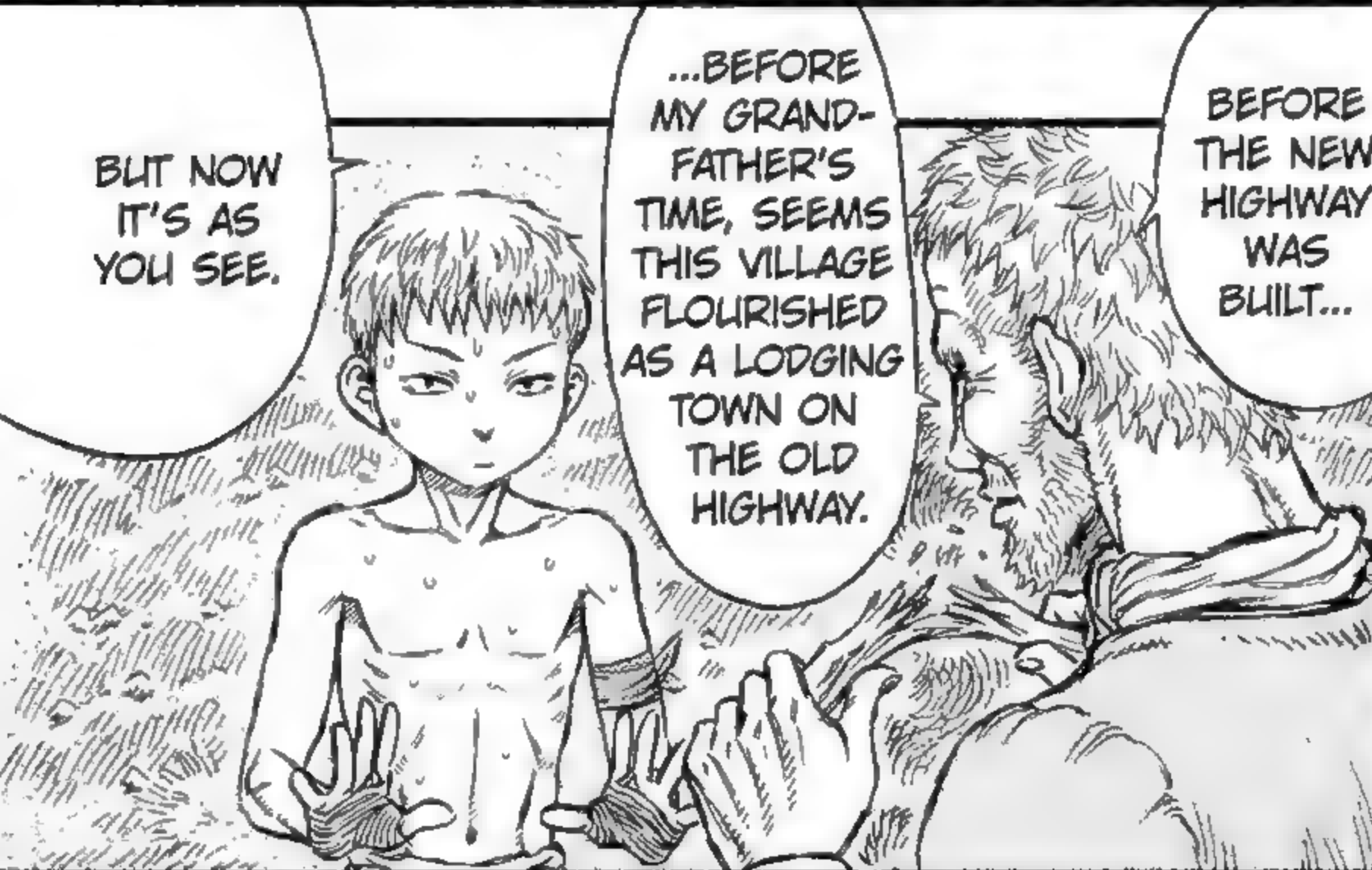


*FX: SNAP



I BET
YOU CAN'T
GET MUCH
OUT OF
THE FIELDS
EVEN
WITHOUT
THE
TROLLS.

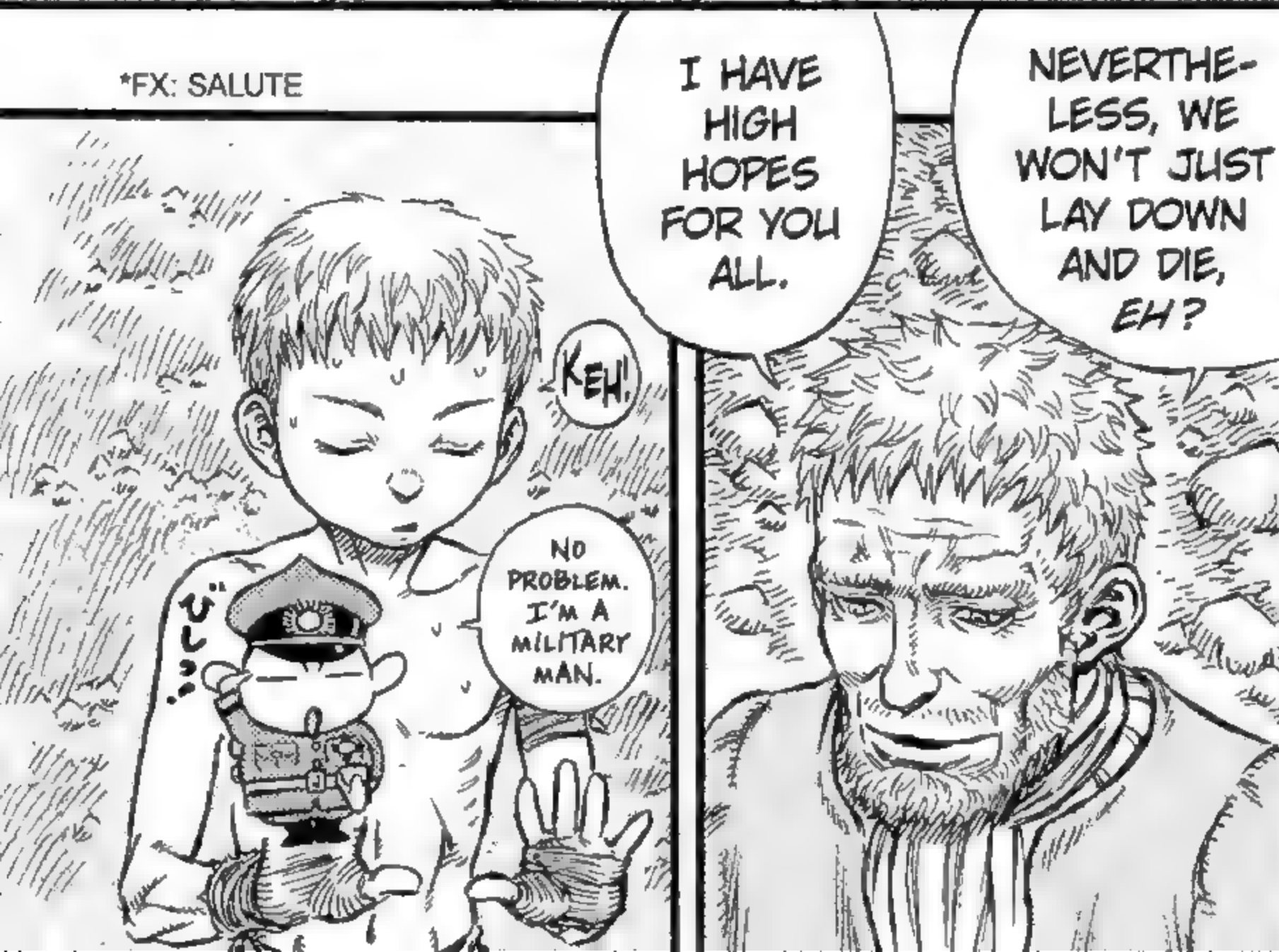
YOU CAN'T
EVEN SEE
THE SUN
HALF THE
DAY IN THIS
RAVINE.



BUT NOW
IT'S AS
YOU SEE.

...BEFORE
MY GRAND-
FATHER'S
TIME, SEEMS
THIS VILLAGE
FLOURISHED
AS A LODGING
TOWN ON
THE OLD
HIGHWAY.

BEFORE
THE NEW
HIGHWAY
WAS
BUILT...



*FX: SALUTE

I HAVE
HIGH
HOPES
FOR YOU
ALL.

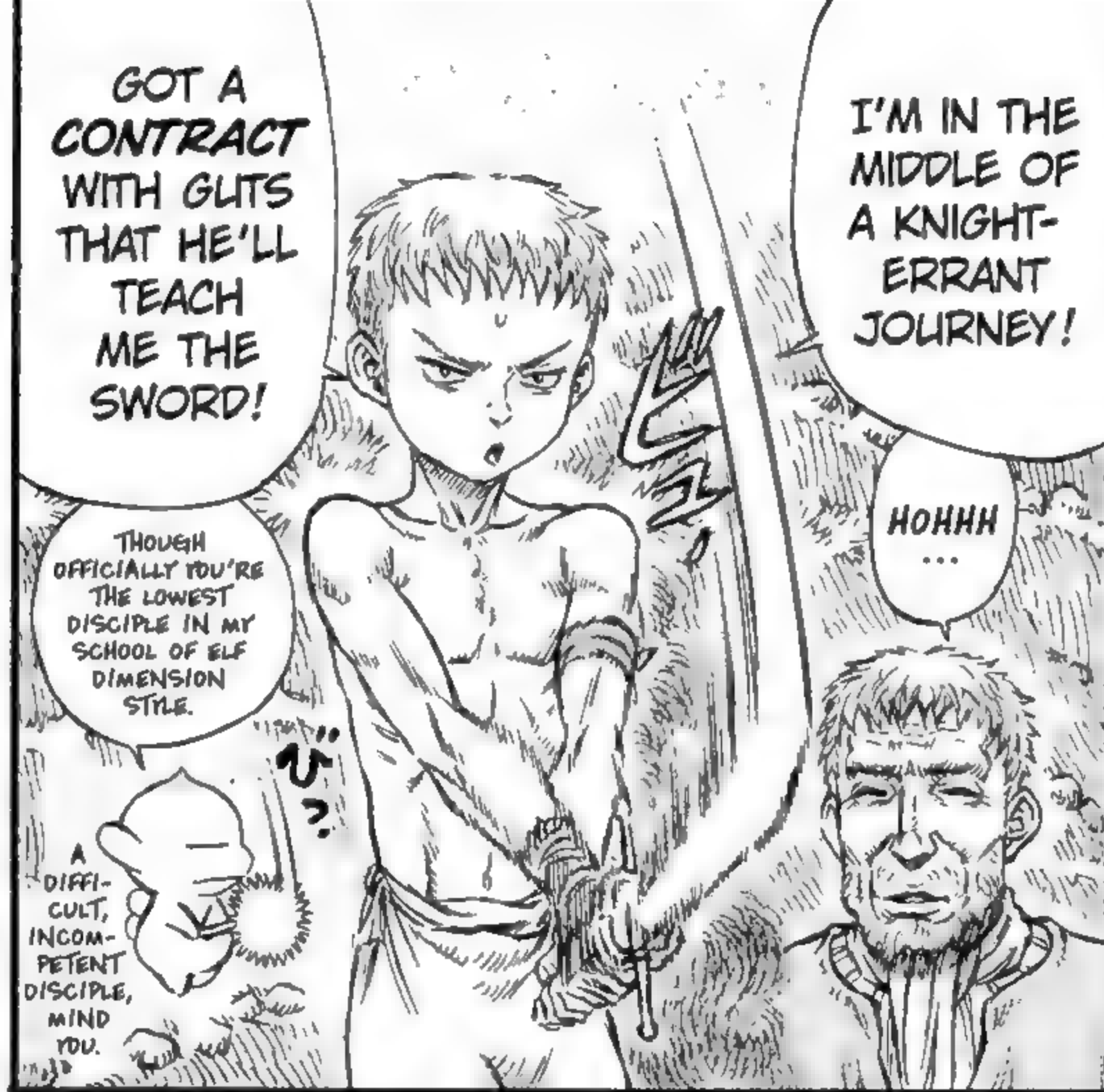
NEVERTHE-
LESS, WE
WON'T JUST
LAY DOWN
AND DIE,
EH?

KEH!

NO
PROBLEM.
I'M A
MILITARY
MAN.



THIS SURE
IS ONE
SHABBY
VILLAGE,
THOUGH.



GOT A CONTRACT WITH GLITS THAT HE'LL TEACH ME THE SWORD!

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A KNIGHT-ERRANT JOURNEY!

THOUGH OFFICIALLY YOU'RE THE LOWEST DISCIPLE IN MY SCHOOL OF ELF DIMENSION STYLE.

HOHHH ...

A DIFFICULT, INCOMPETENT DISCIPLE, MIND YOU.

*FX: SWP

*FX: VYNN



N... NO, I'M NOT!

ARE YOU A FOLLOWER OF THAT BLACK SWORDS-MAN?

WHY'RE YOU TRAVELING WITH THEM, SON?



HE AIN'T JUST STRONG! HE'S A BEAST!

YOU THINK ?!

SWINGING THAT GIGANTIC SWORD AROUND...

THAT SWORDS-MAN'S A STRONG FELLOW.

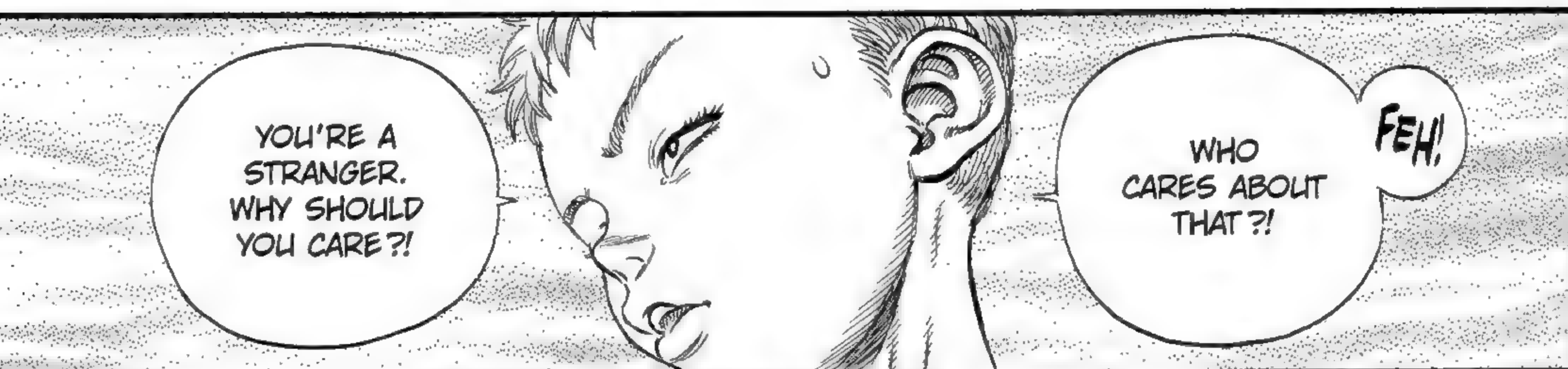
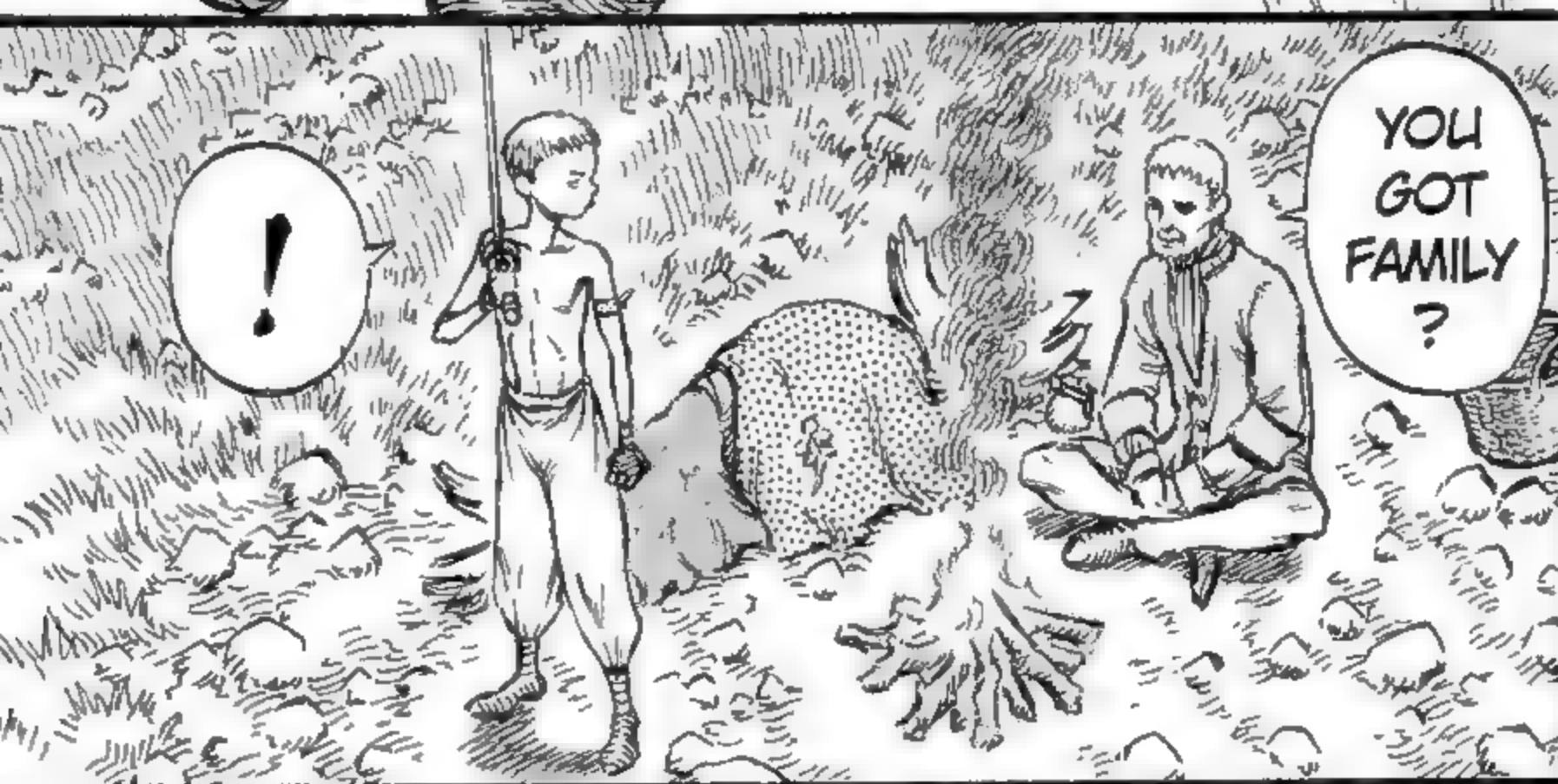
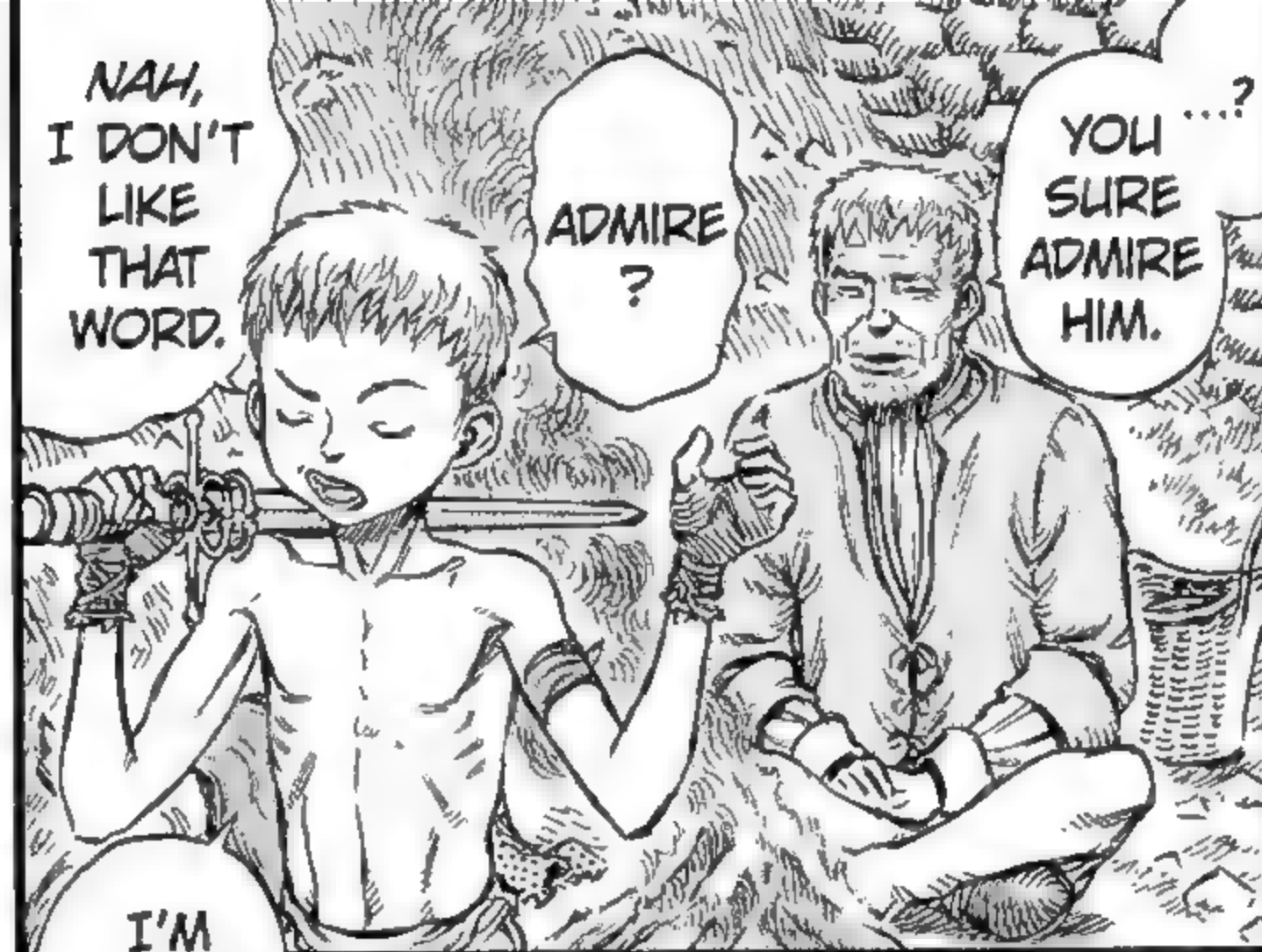
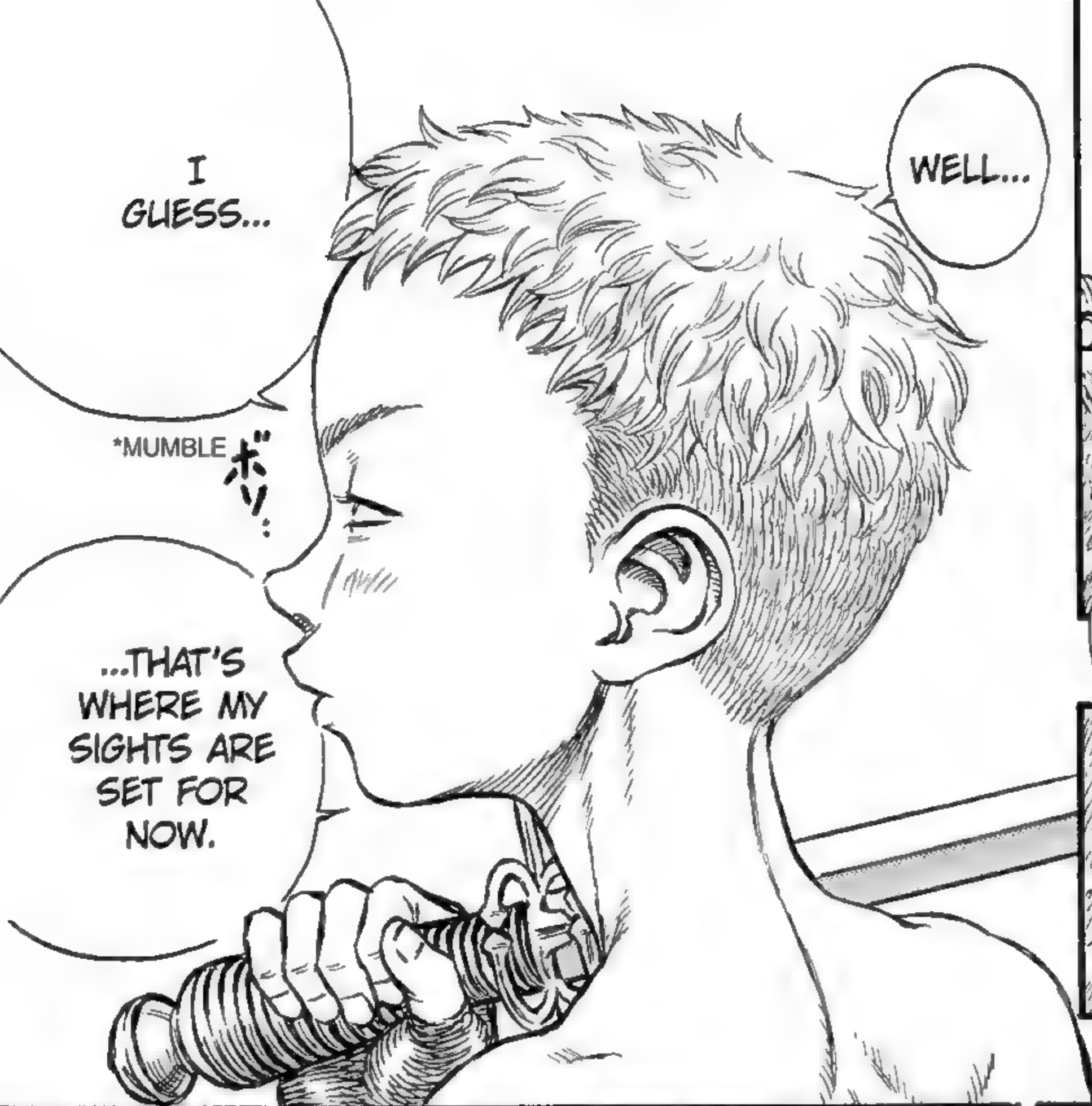
COMPARED TO HIM, THOSE TROLLS'RE LIKE PYGMY MARMOSETS.



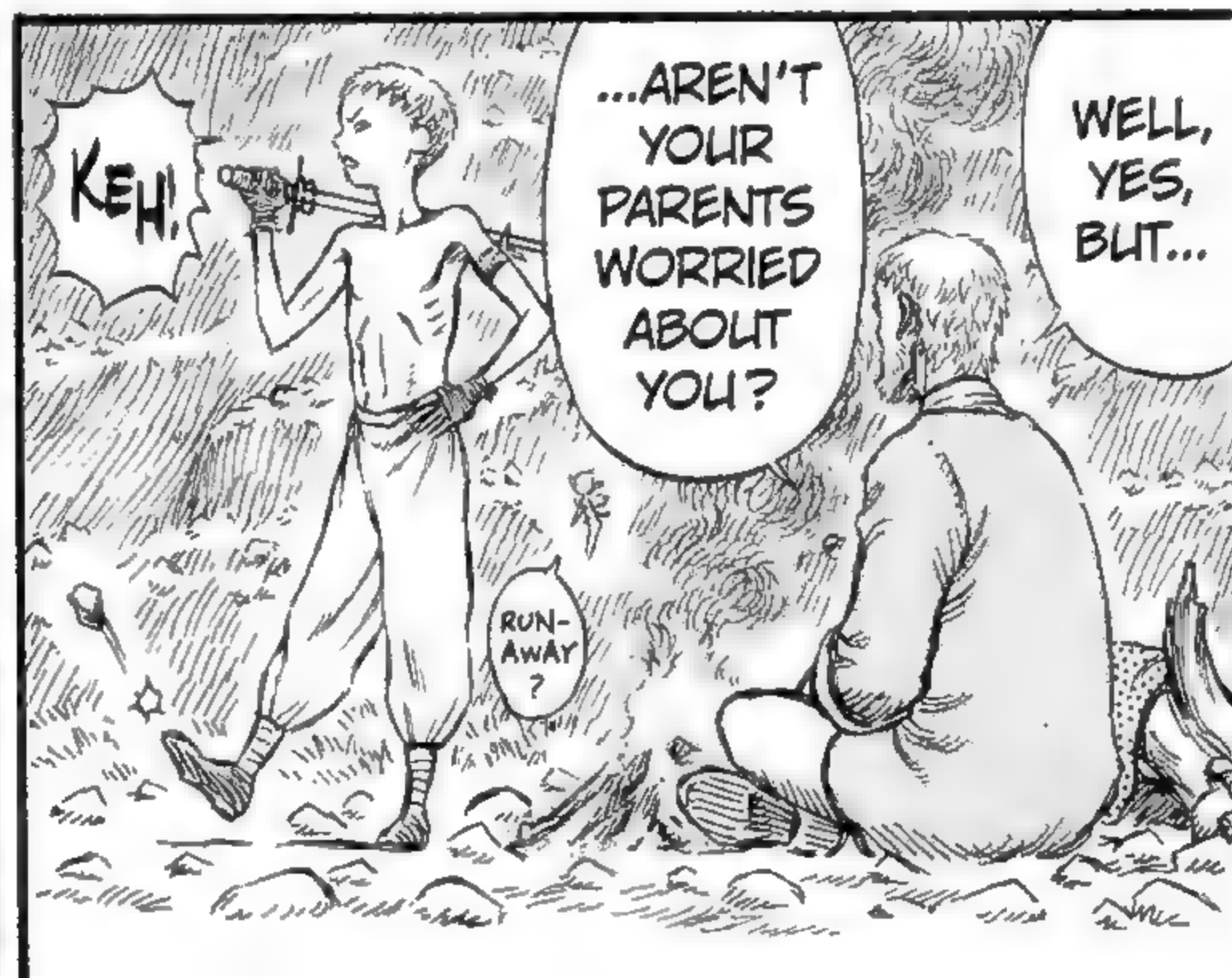
ACTUALLY, I CAN'T EVEN TELL WHO'S THE REAL BEAST.

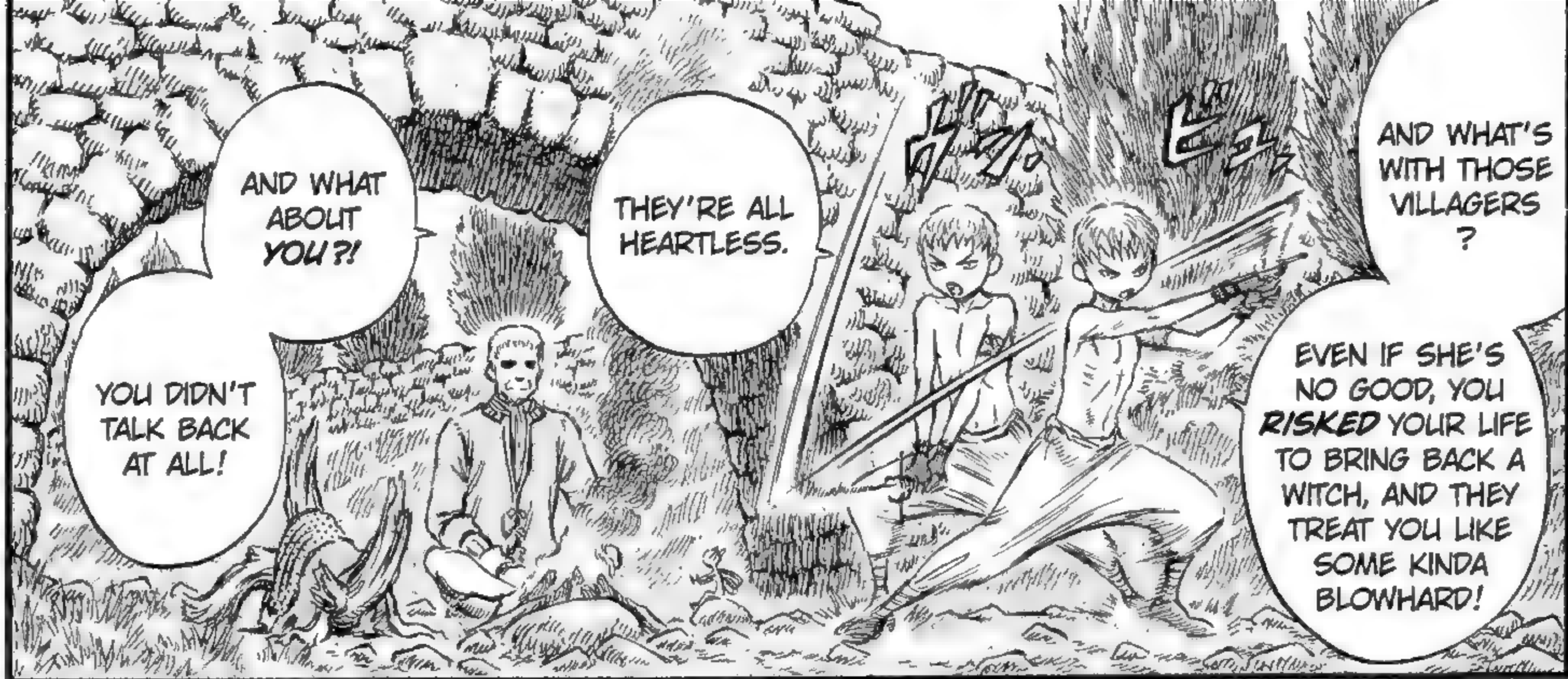
EVEN NOW I GET CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE WHEN I WATCH HIM FIGHT UNDER THE MOON-LIGHT.

HE'S A MONSTER THAT EATS MONSTERS.



*FX: TMP TMP

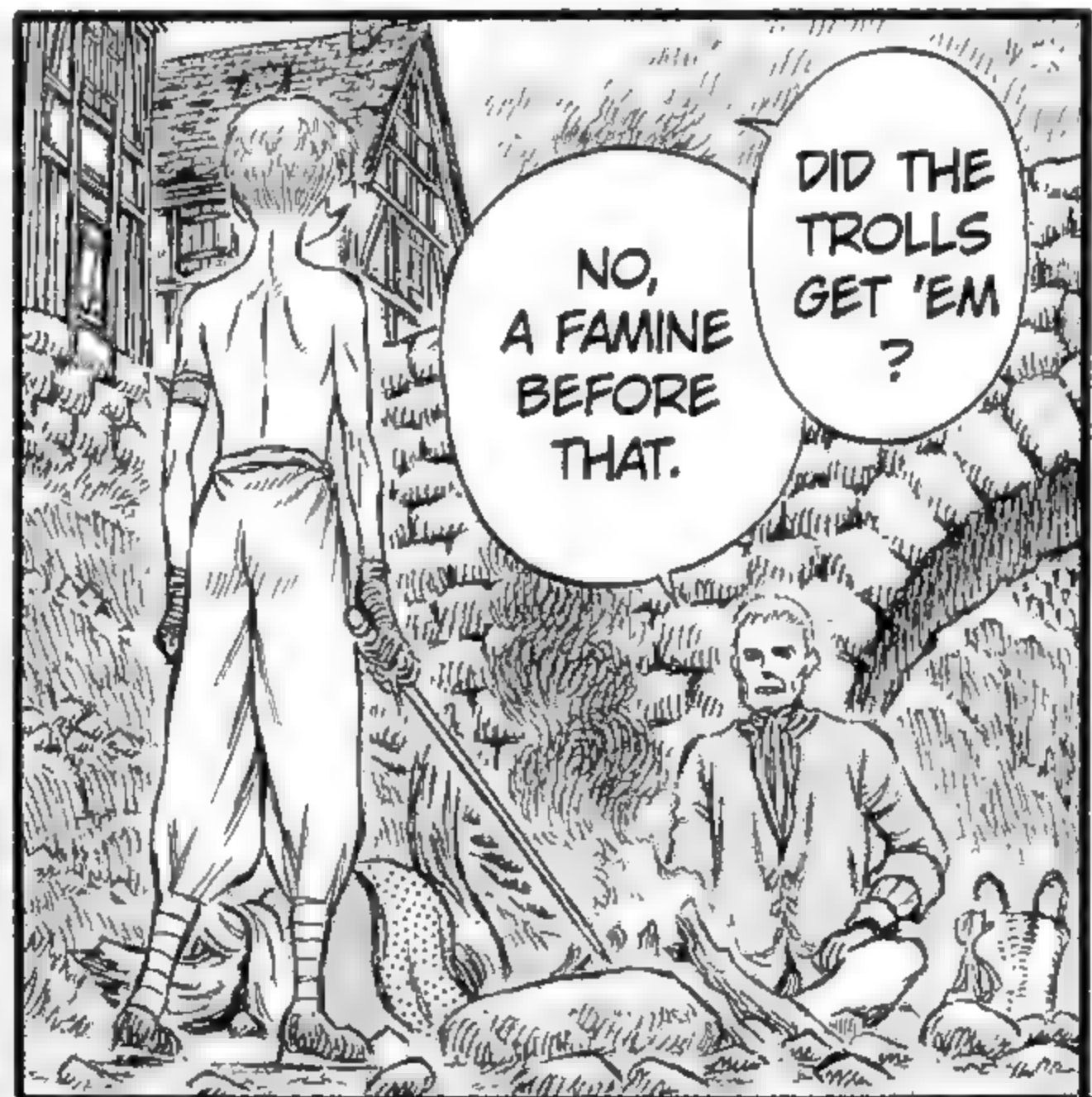




*FX: VNN VYNN



*FX: HEH HEH HEH





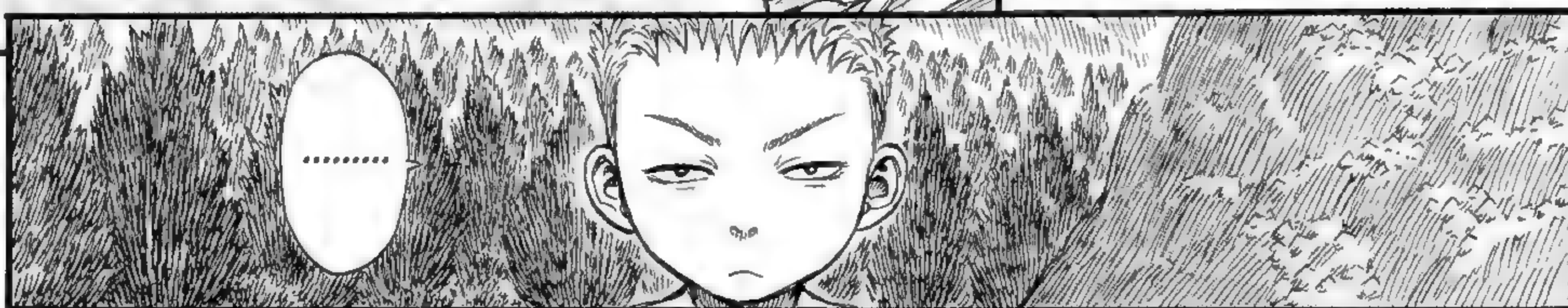
...ONE
MORE TIME
BEFORE
I DIE.

I GOT
TO SEE
HER...



DREAM
?

RATHER,
I'M THANKFUL.
I MEAN, HERE I
AM THIS AGE AND
MY DREAM WAS
FULFILLED.



.....

LOOKING FOR WITCHES,
CATCHING ELVES...
I'D DITCH MY CHORES
AND RUN AROUND
THE MOUNTAINS AND
FORESTS AT THE
DROP OF A HAT.



IT'S PROBABLY
TRUE FOR ALL BOYS,
BUT WHEN I WAS
YOUNG I LOVED TO
DAYDREAM.



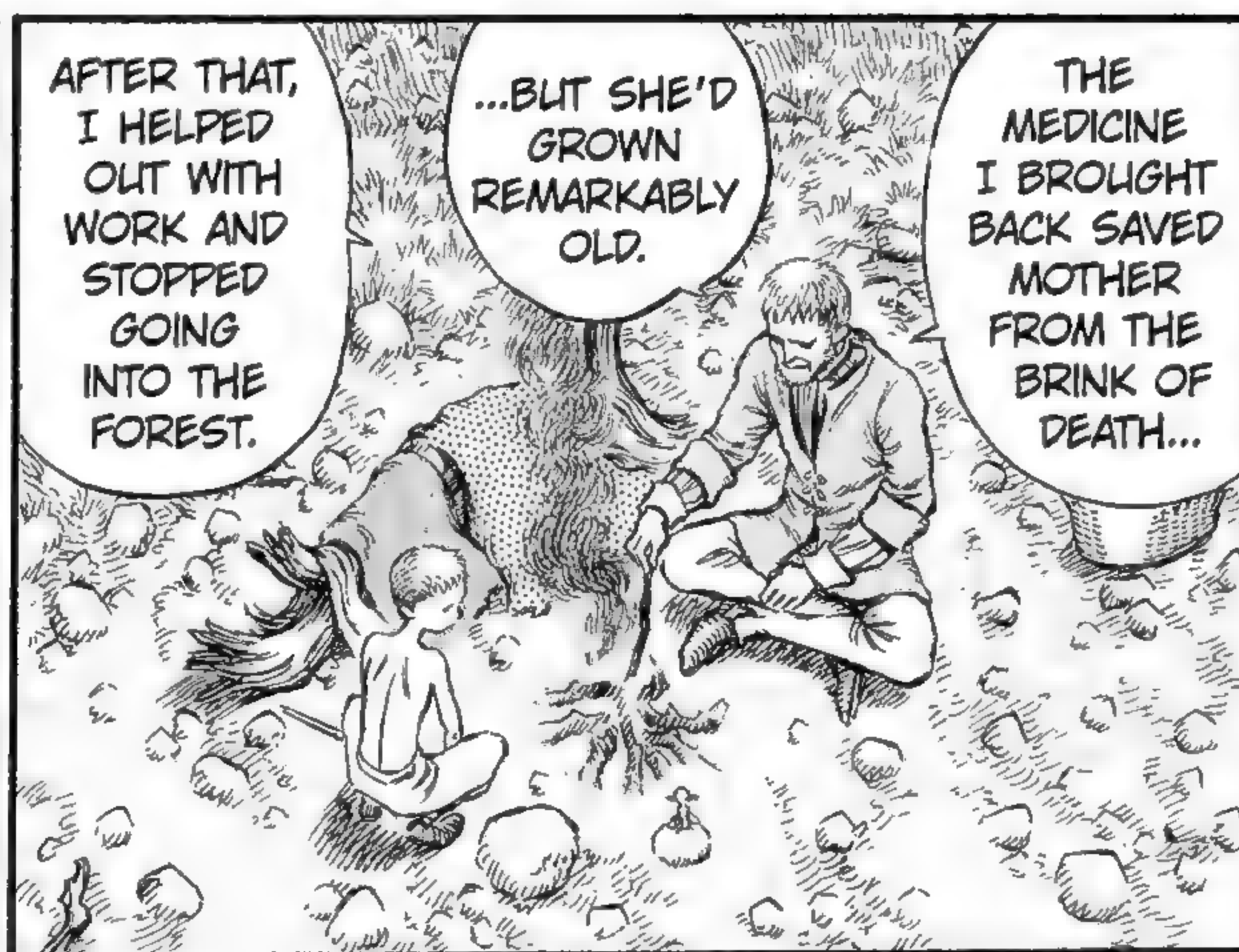
...AND SET
SAIL ALONE
ON THE HIGH
SEA FROM
VRITANNIS...

LIKE YOU SAID,
I IMAGINED
THAT SOME DAY
I'D SNEAK AWAY
FROM THIS TINY
VILLAGE...



...MY
MOTHER
FELL ILL.

...UNTIL...





LINCHANGED,
AS SHE
USED TO
BE...

THAT
ALONE WAS
ENOUGH
FOR ME.

SHE
WAITED
FOR ME,
THOUGH.

DEEP
INSIDE THAT
FOREST...

A LONG
TIME'S PASSED,
AND AFTER SO
MUCH NORMAL
LIVING, MY
MEMORY'S
GROWN VAGUE.

BUT IT ALWAYS
STAYED STUCK
IN MY HEART.

THE ONE
ADVENTURE
I HAD.

WHETHER OR
NOT IT REALLY
HAPPENED...

*FX: LUNGE



DON'T TALK
ABOUT THE
GOOD OL'
DEPRESSIN'
DAYS!!

NOW'S
A TIME
FOR THE
YOUNG
!!

GOOD
GRIEF,
KIDS THESE
DAYS.



ENOUGH
WITH THE
CRAPPY
STORY!!

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DON'T LUMP
YOURSELF
WITH ME
WHEN I'M
CARRYIN'
OUT MY
GOALS!!

YOU GREW
ANCIENT IN THIS
RUSTIC LITTLE
VILLAGE HOLDIN'
ON TO YOUR
PRETTY LITTLE
DREAM!!



SEE
YA!

IF I GOTTA
LISTEN TO
ANY MORE OF
YOUR STORIES,
MY OWN
AMBITION'S
GONNA GROW
MOLD!

TEEN
ANGST.

*BOLT



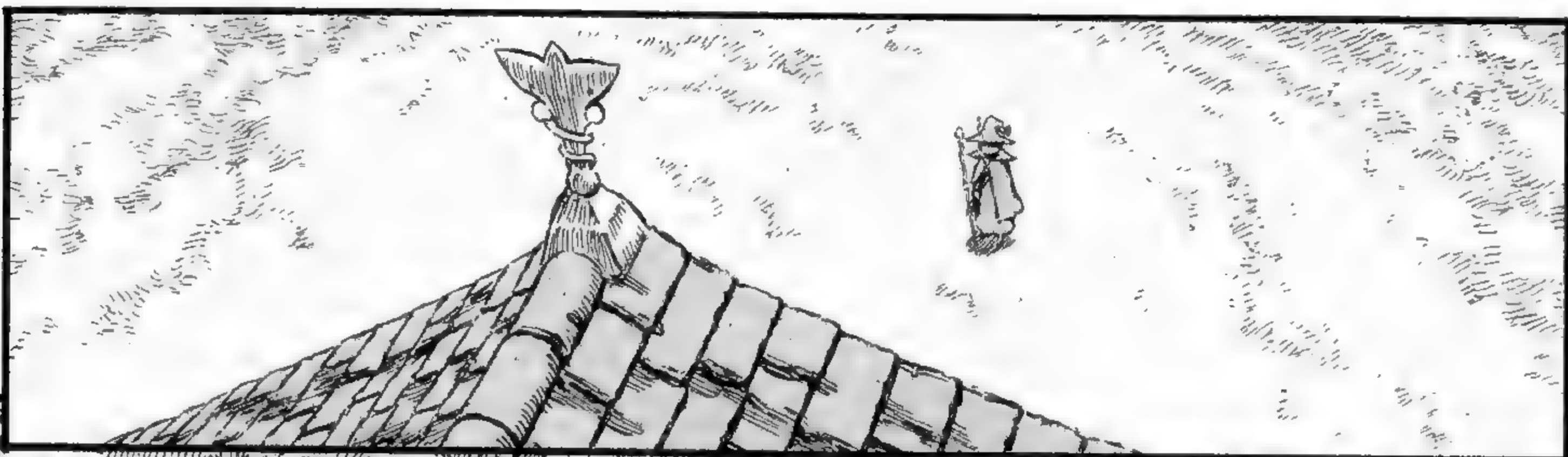
THAT
BOY...

HE SEEMS
TO HAVE
QUITE A HIGH
OPINION OF
YOU.



OH.

YOU
WERE
THERE.



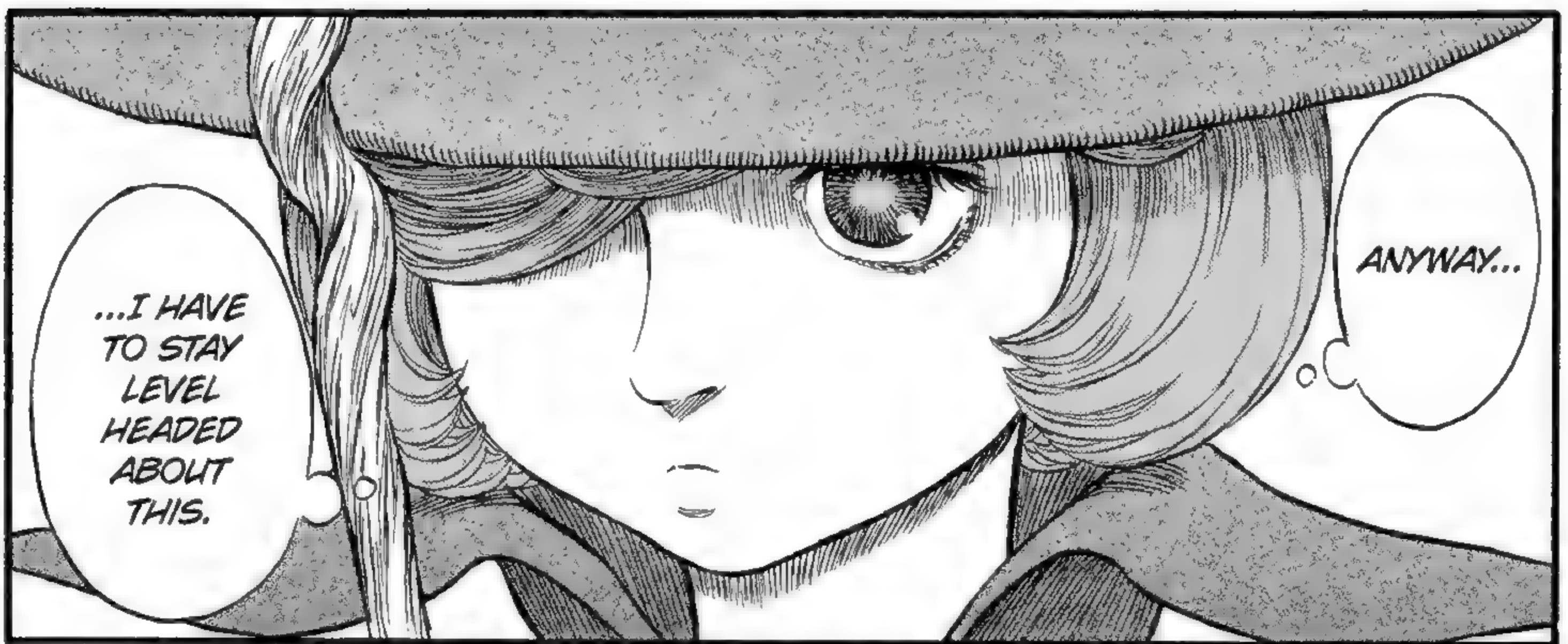


SO
YEAH...



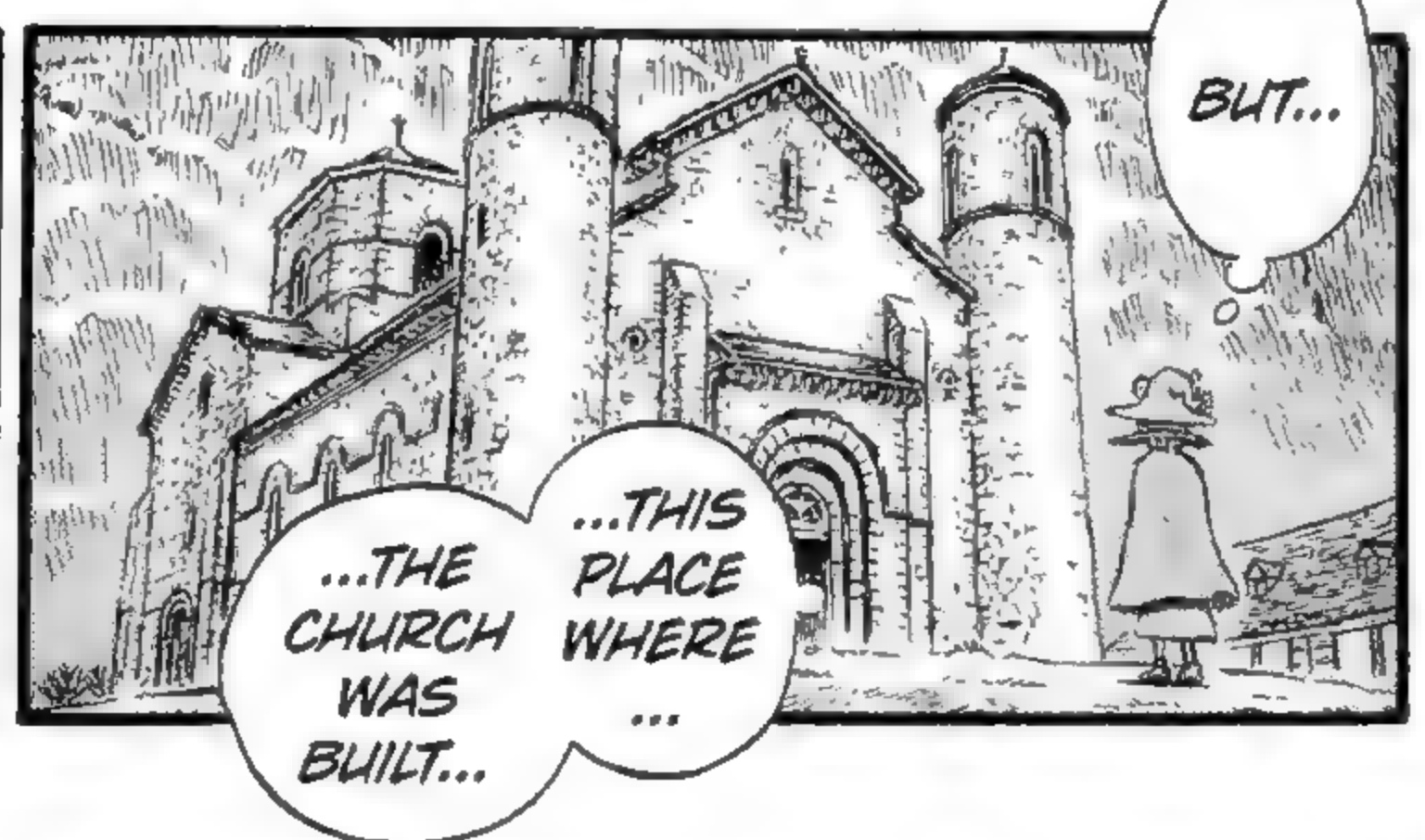
...IF THE
VILLAGERS
HOLD UP,
IT WILL
PROBABLY
BE HERE.

WHEN
THE
TROLLS
ATTACK...



...I HAVE
TO STAY
LEVEL
HEADED
ABOUT
THIS.

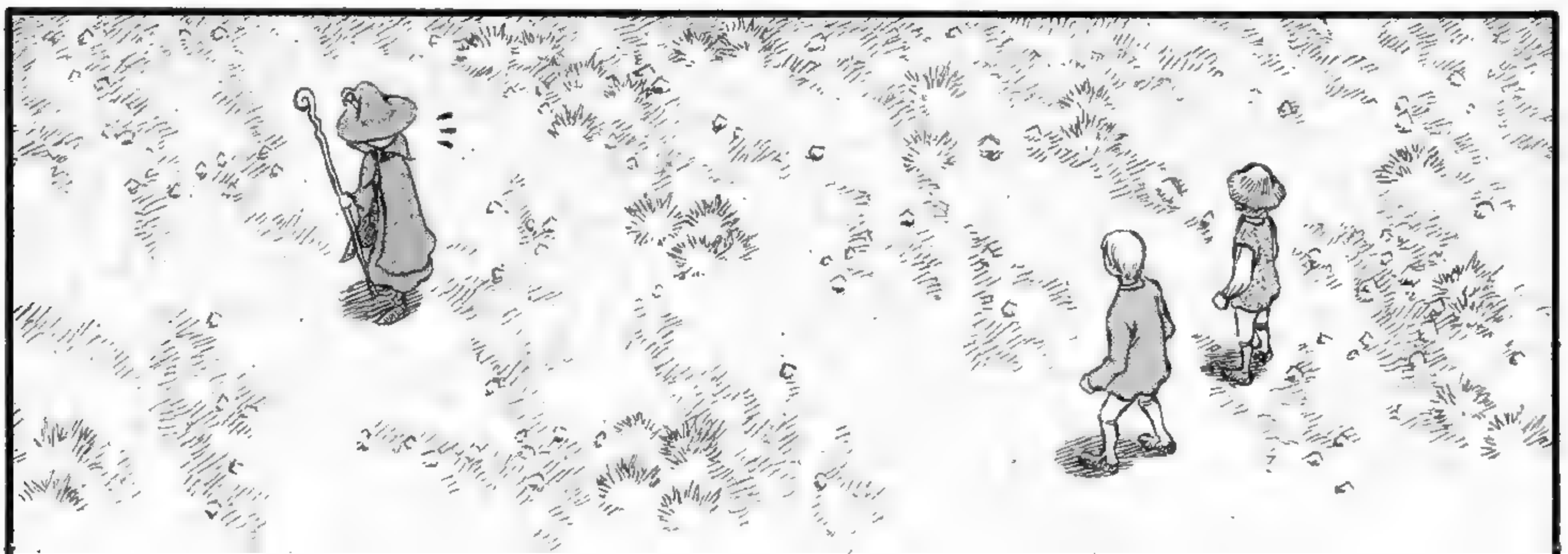
ANYWAY...

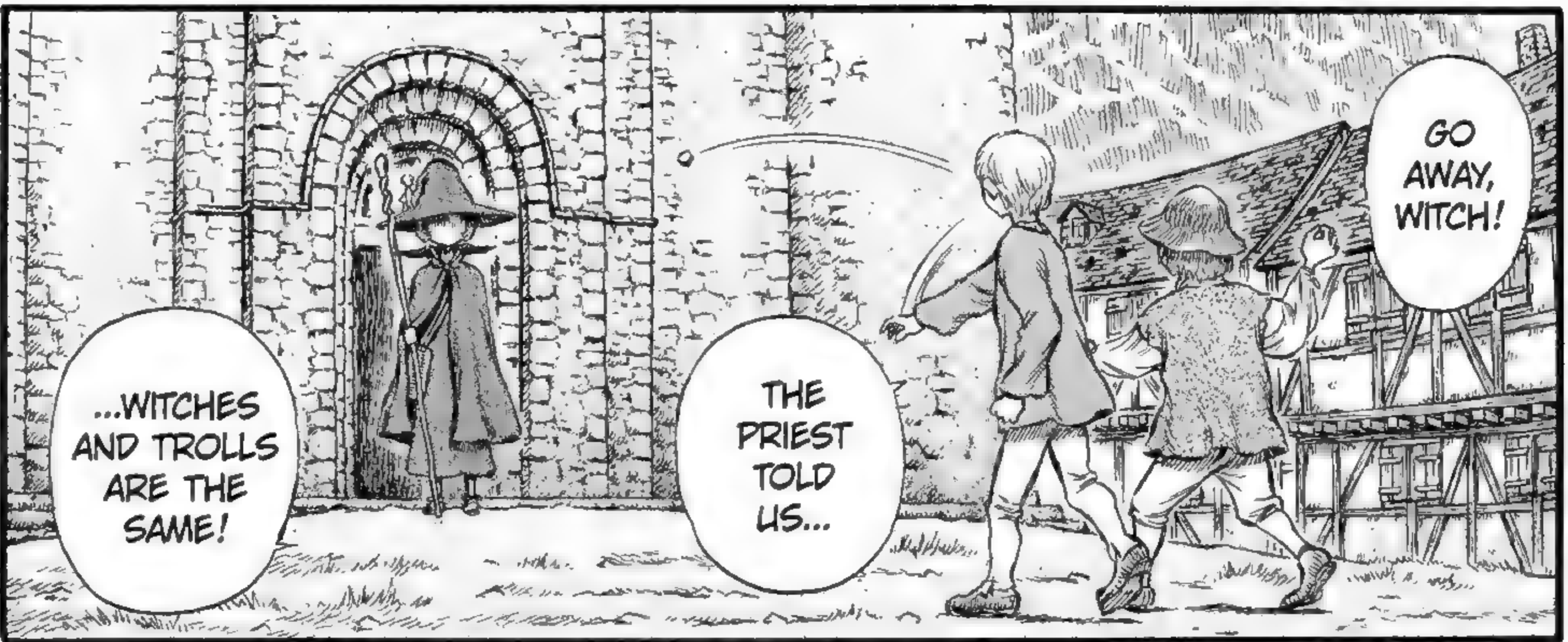


BUT...

...THE
CHURCH
WAS
BUILT...

...THIS
PLACE
WHERE
...





*FX: GCHAK







...NO WORSE THAN AN ARMY. THEY DIDN'T RAZE THE PLACE.

WELL ...

THE WHOLE PLACE'S BEEN RANSACKED GOOD.



...AT THE CEMETERY.

*FX: BOW

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING A QUICK WIT...



UH...

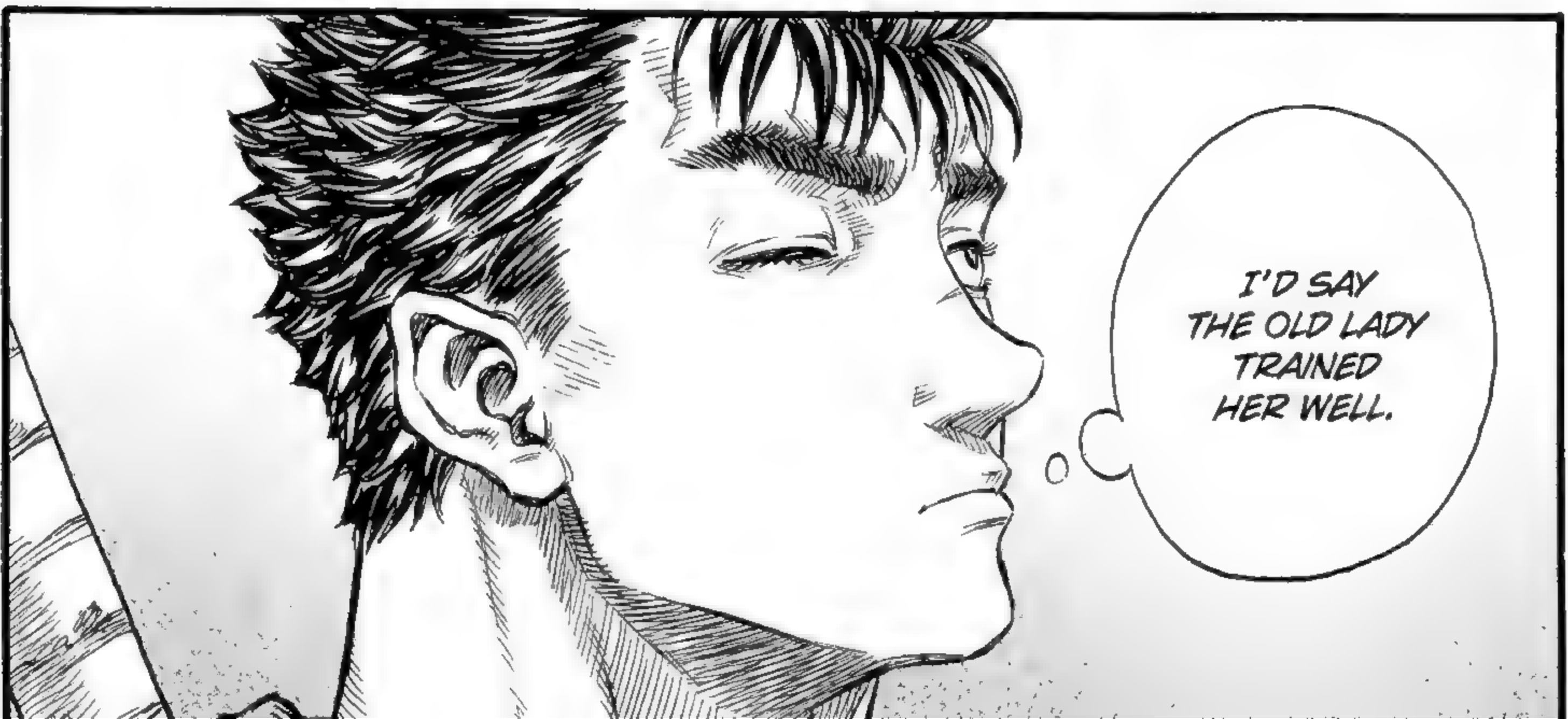


...I THINK LYING SO CASUALLY TO GET INTO...

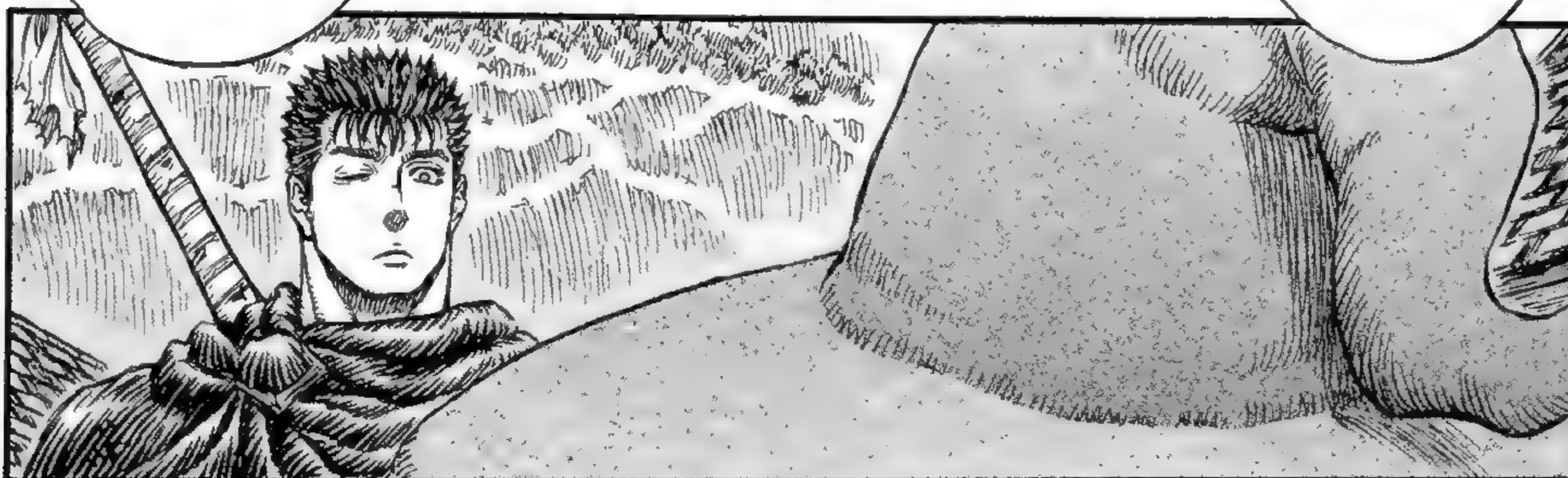
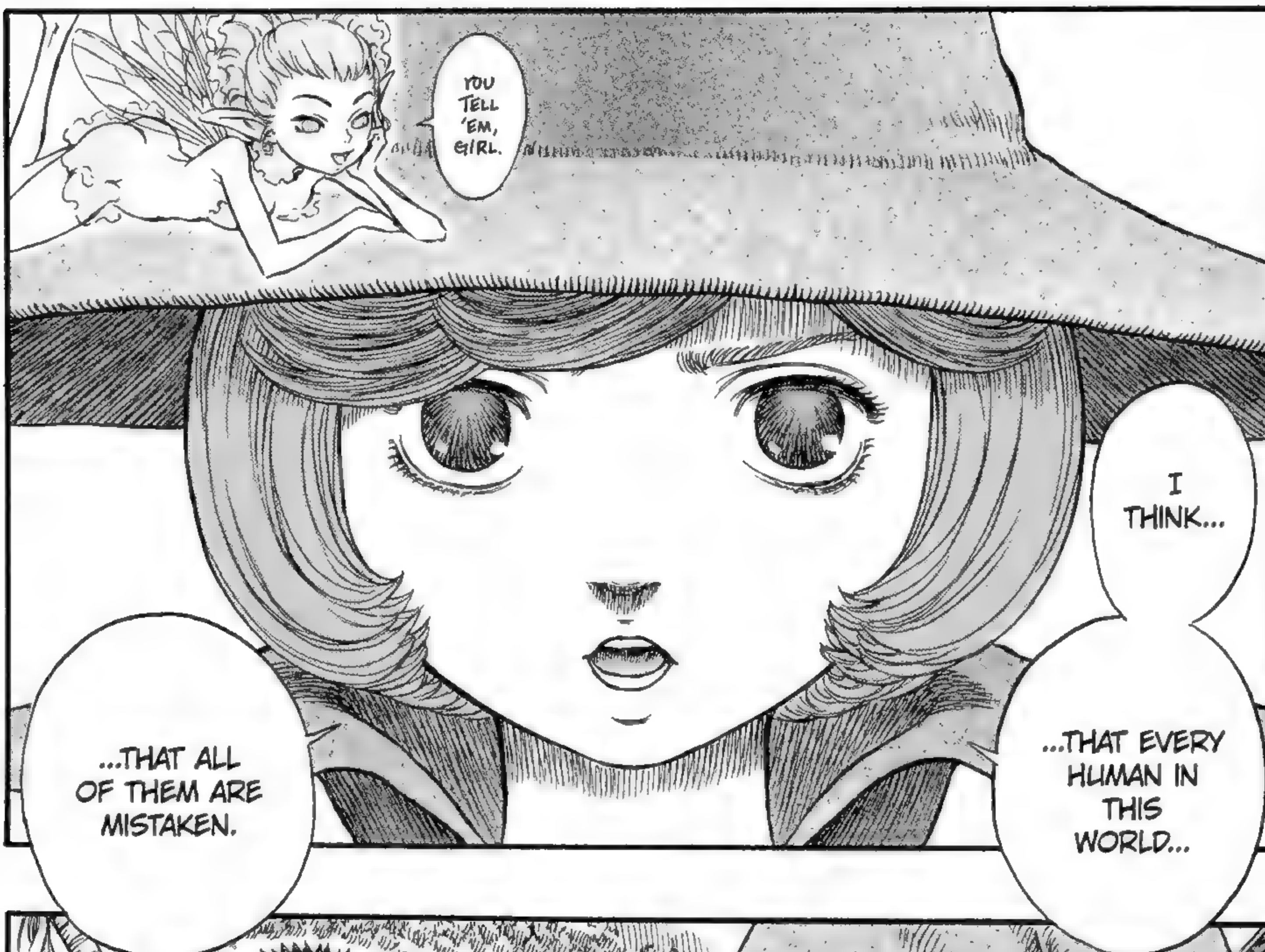
...THE VILLAGE COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT US.

SHE'S SO HONEST.

HOWEVER ...



I'D SAY THE OLD LADY TRAINED HER WELL.





...A SHRINE
TO THE
SPIRITS
OF THIS
LAND.

IT USED
TO BE...

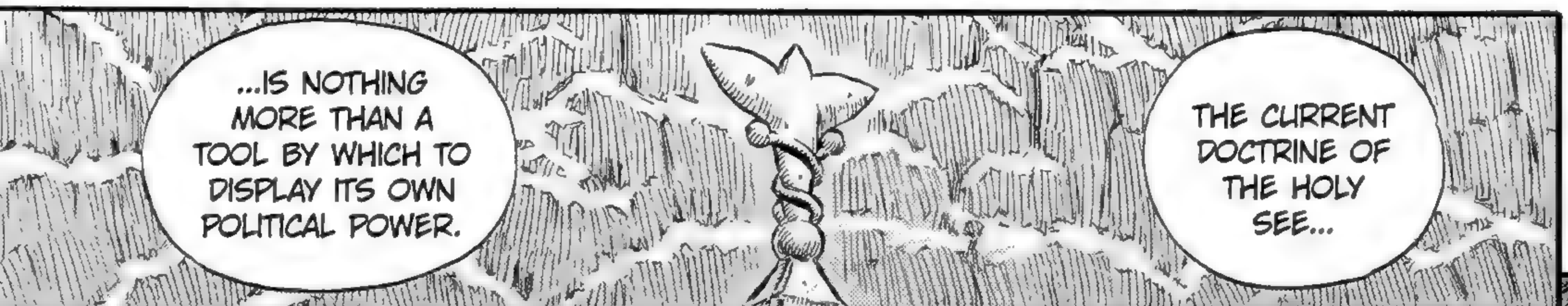
THIS
HILL UPON
WHICH THIS
CHURCH IS
BUILT...



...THE SACRED
PLACES OF THE
SPIRIT FAITH
WHERE THEY
WERE BUILT.

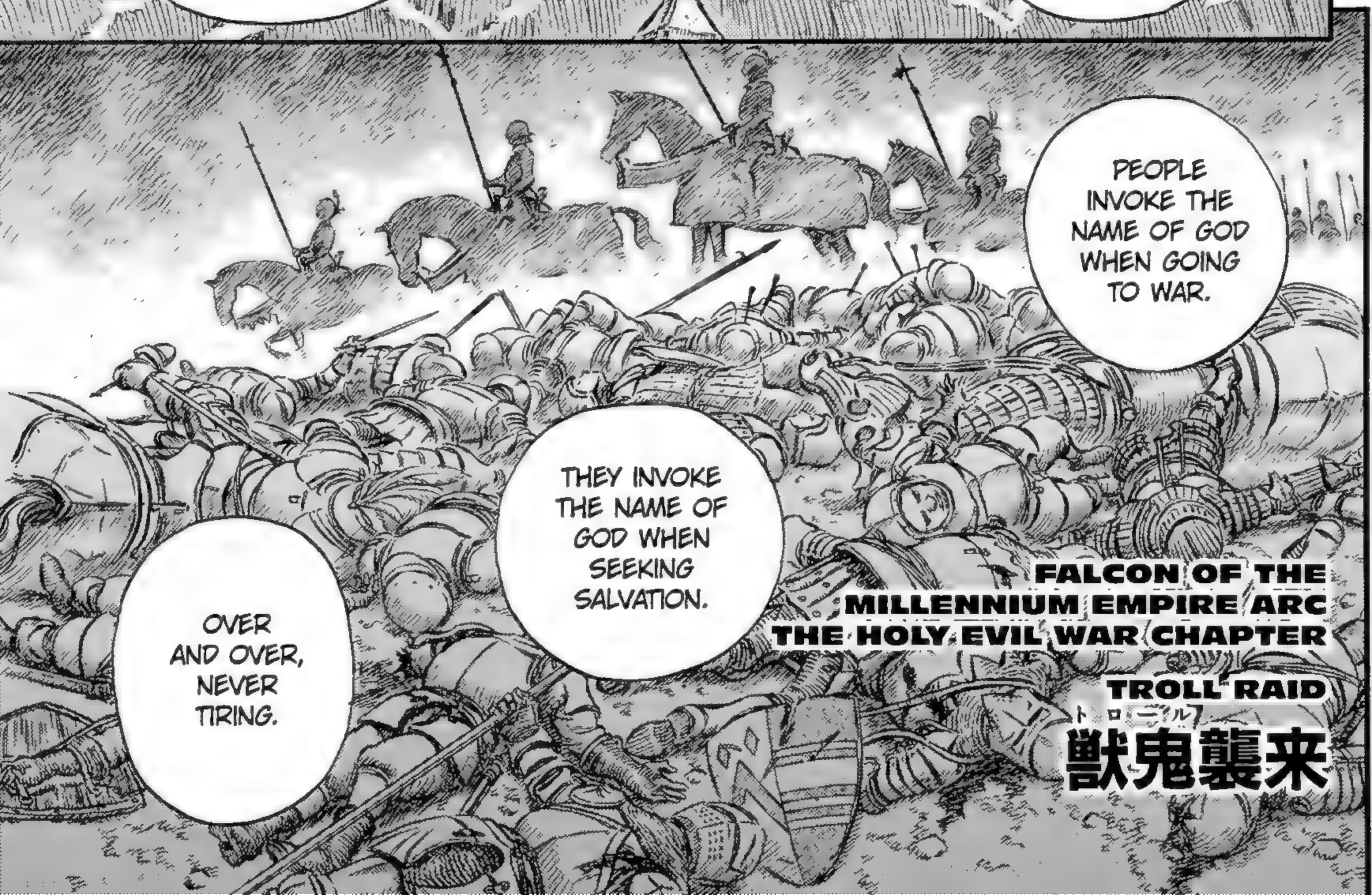
LITERALLY
CRUSHING...

MANY
OF THE
HOLY SEE'S
CHURCHES
ARE THAT
WAY...



...IS NOTHING
MORE THAN A
TOOL BY WHICH TO
DISPLAY ITS OWN
POLITICAL POWER.

THE CURRENT
DOCTRINE OF
THE HOLY
SEE...



PEOPLE
INVOKE THE
NAME OF GOD
WHEN GOING
TO WAR.

THEY INVOKE
THE NAME OF
GOD WHEN
SEEKING
SALVATION.

OVER
AND OVER,
NEVER
TIRING.

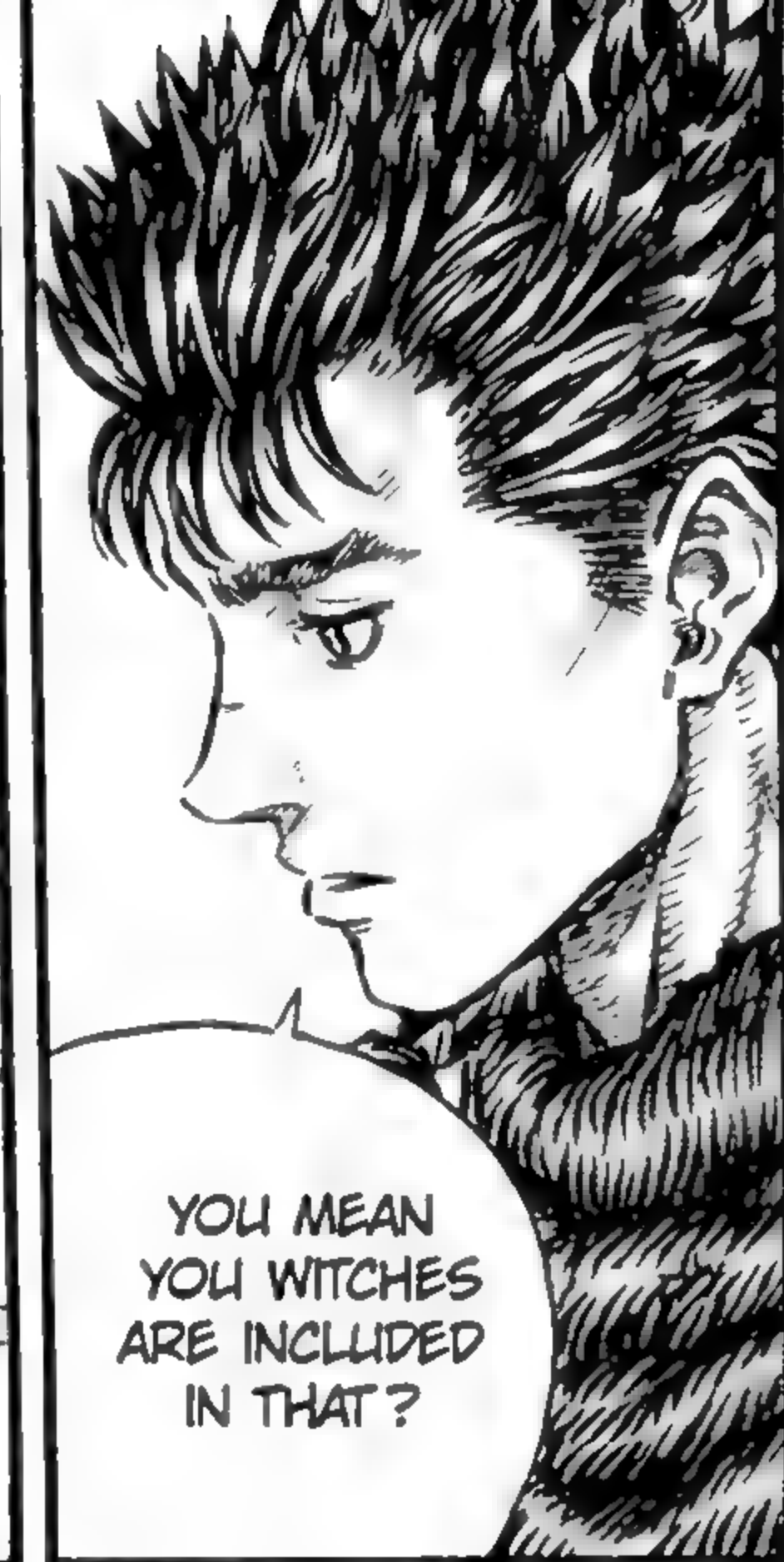
**FALCON OF THE
MILLENNIUM EMPIRE ARC
THE HOLY EVIL WAR CHAPTER**

TROLL RAID

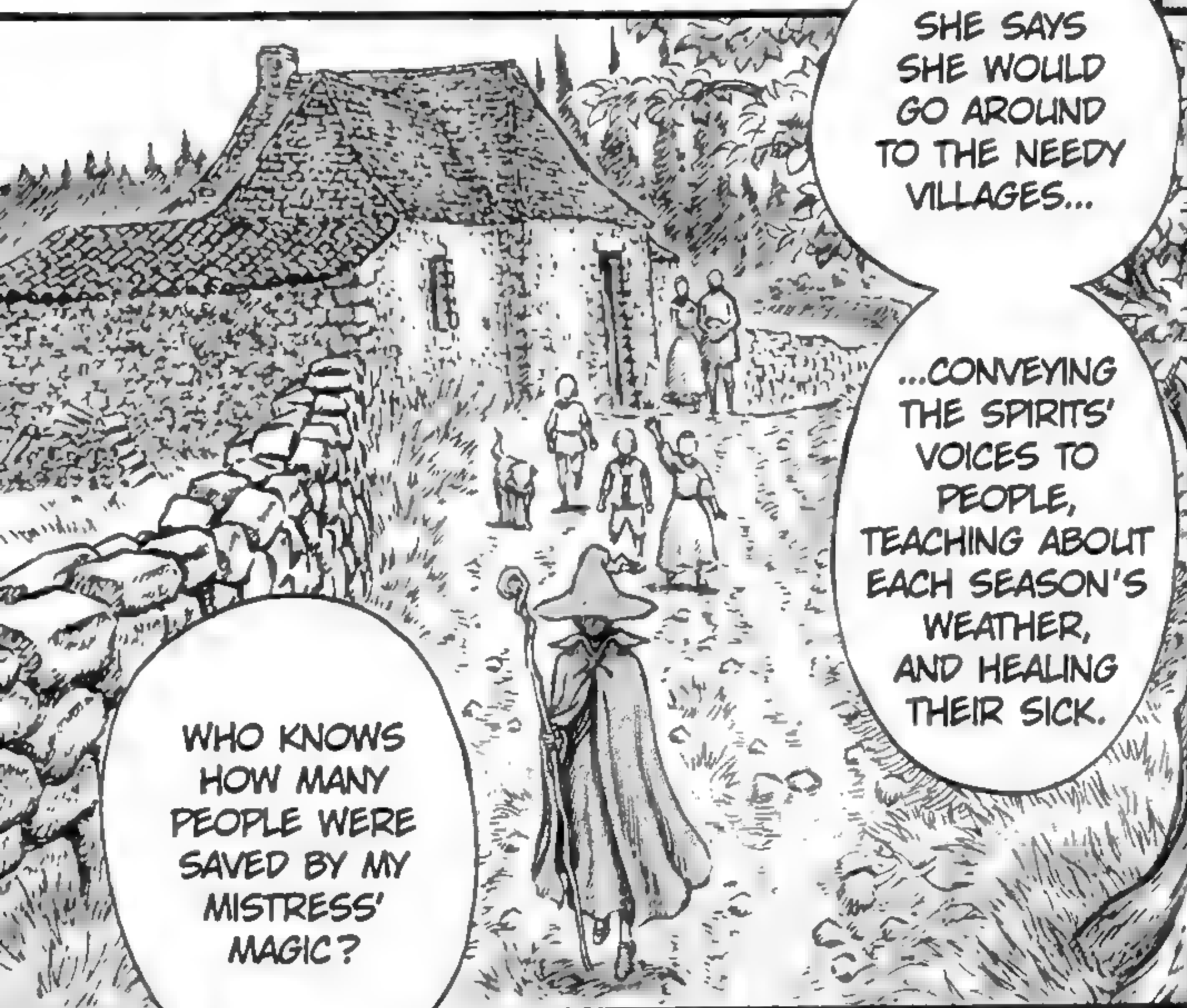
トロール
獣鬼襲来



LONG AGO,
MY MISTRESS
LIVED IN A HUMAN
HABITATION IN
THIS VICINITY.



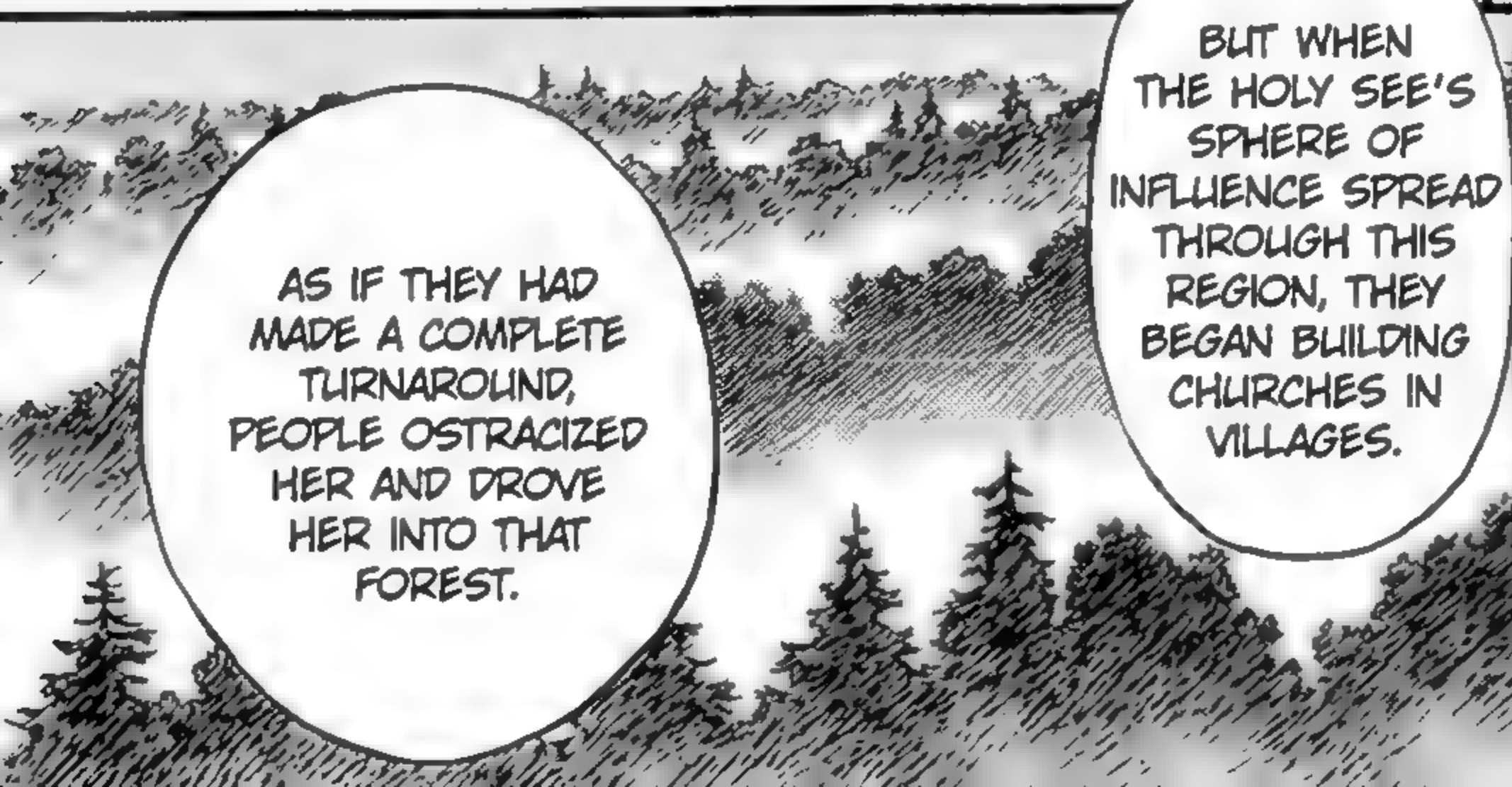
YOU MEAN
YOU WITCHES
ARE INCLUDED
IN THAT?



SHE SAYS
SHE WOULD
GO AROUND
TO THE NEEDY
VILLAGES...

...CONVEYING
THE SPIRITS'
VOICES TO
PEOPLE,
TEACHING ABOUT
EACH SEASON'S
WEATHER,
AND HEALING
THEIR SICK.

WHO KNOWS
HOW MANY
PEOPLE WERE
SAVED BY MY
MISTRESS'
MAGIC?



AS IF THEY HAD
MADE A COMPLETE
TURNAROUND,
PEOPLE OSTRACIZED
HER AND DROVE
HER INTO THAT
FOREST.

BUT WHEN
THE HOLY SEE'S
SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE SPREAD
THROUGH THIS
REGION, THEY
BEGAN BUILDING
CHURCHES IN
VILLAGES.

...IN THE
VERY ONES
THEY ARE
TRYING TO
FORGET.



WHEN THE
KEY THAT
SAVES THEM
MAY BE
HIDDEN...



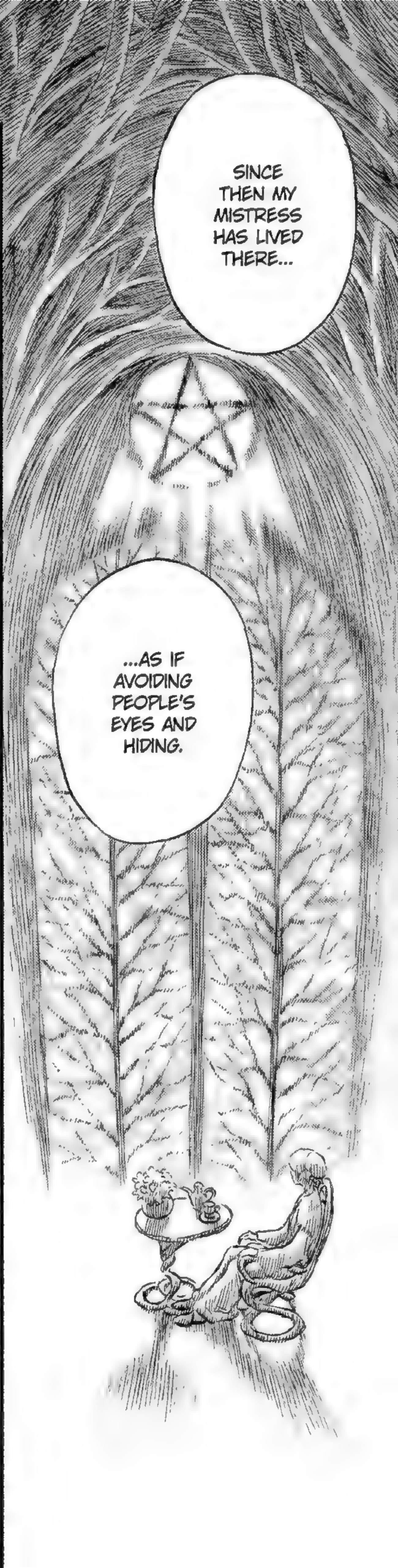
I CANNOT
FORGIVE
THEM.

IF NOT FOR
MY MISTRESS'
COMMAND,
WHO WOULD
BOTHR
WITH SUCH
A PLACE?



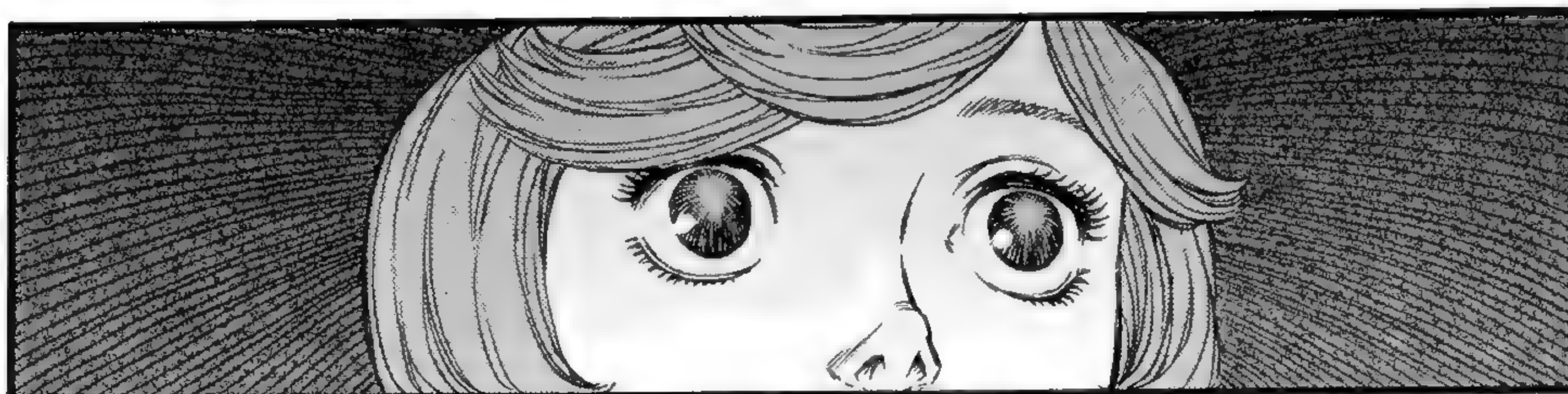
AND
NOW...

...ALMOST
AS IF
NOTHING
HAPPENED...



SINCE
THEN MY
MISTRESS
HAS LIVED
THERE...

...AS IF
AVOIDING
PEOPLE'S
EYES AND
HIDING.



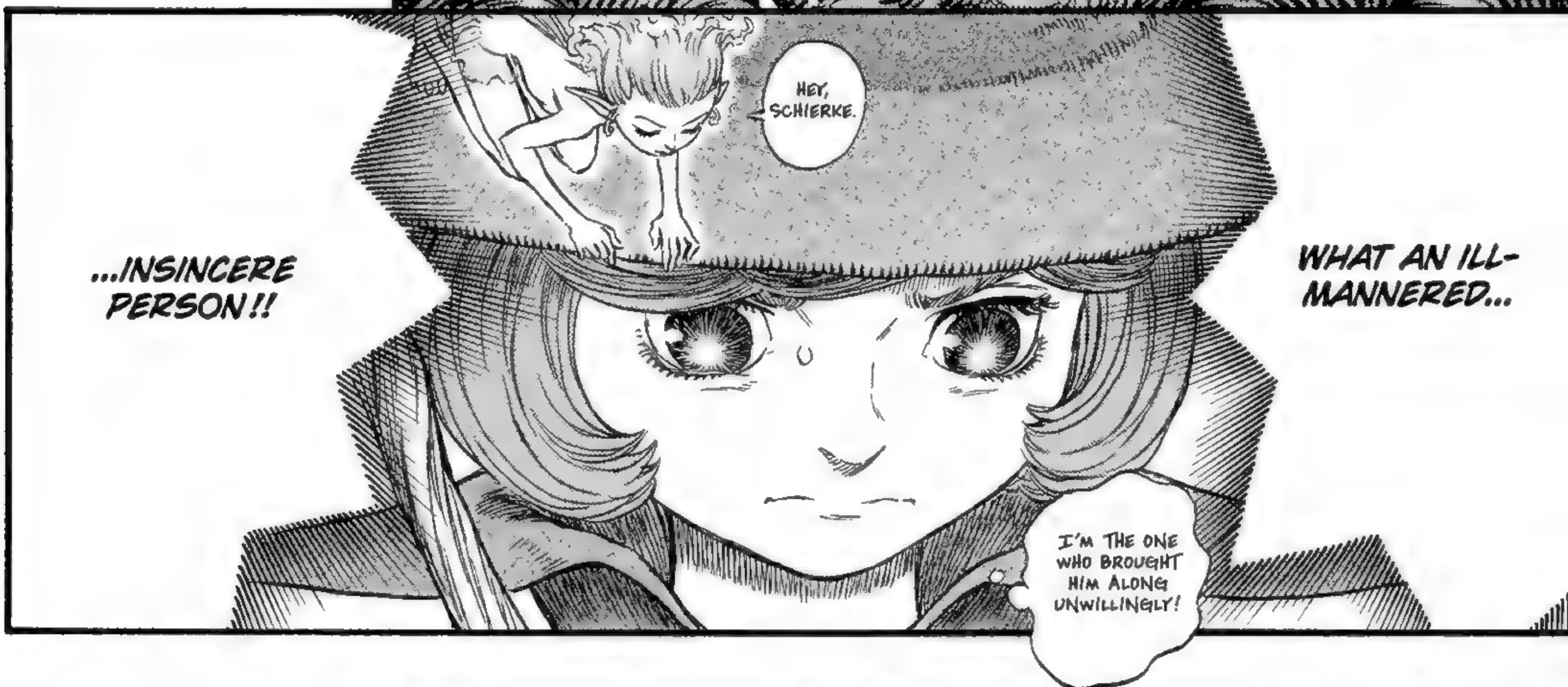


.....!

WHATTA
YOU EXPECT?
SHE REALLY
IS A KID,
Y'KNOW.

THAT'S
A FOOL'S
ERRAND,
JUST KIDDIN'
AROUND.

SOMEONE
TELLS YOU
TO DO
SOMETHIN'
YOU DON'T
WANT TO DO,
BUT YOU
DO IT
ANYWAY...

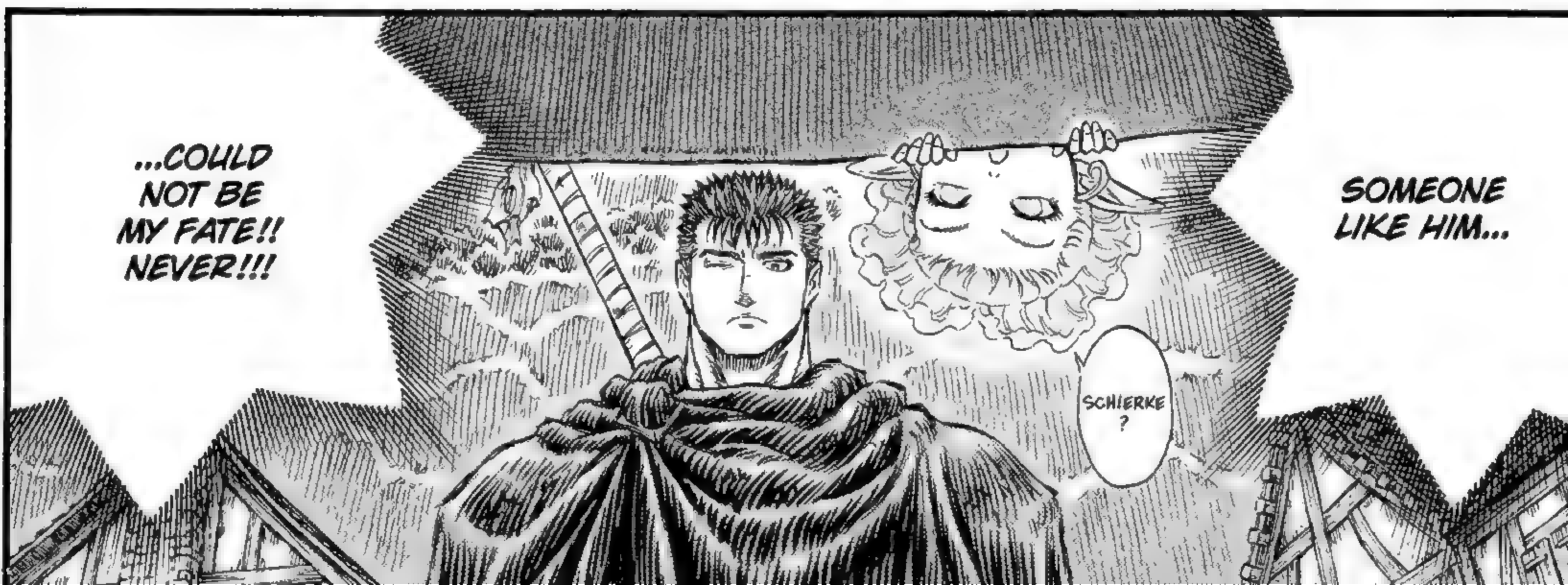


...INSINCERE
PERSON!!

HEY,
SCHIERKE.

WHAT AN ILL-
MANNERED...

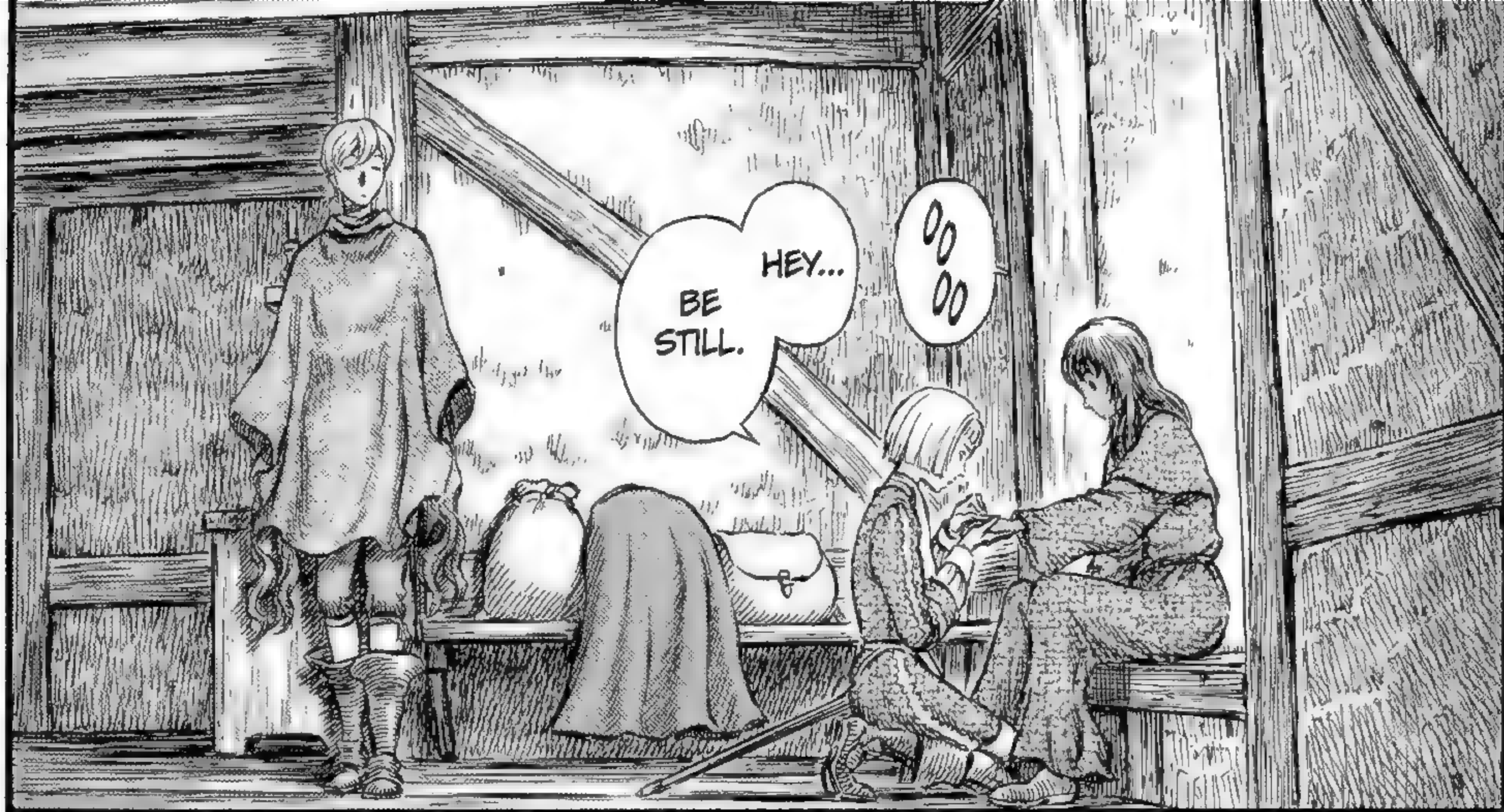
I'M THE ONE
WHO BROUGHT
HIM ALONG
UNWILLINGLY!



...COULD
NOT BE
MY FATE!!
NEVER!!!

SOMEONE
LIKE HIM...

SCHIERKE
?



BE STILL.

HEY...

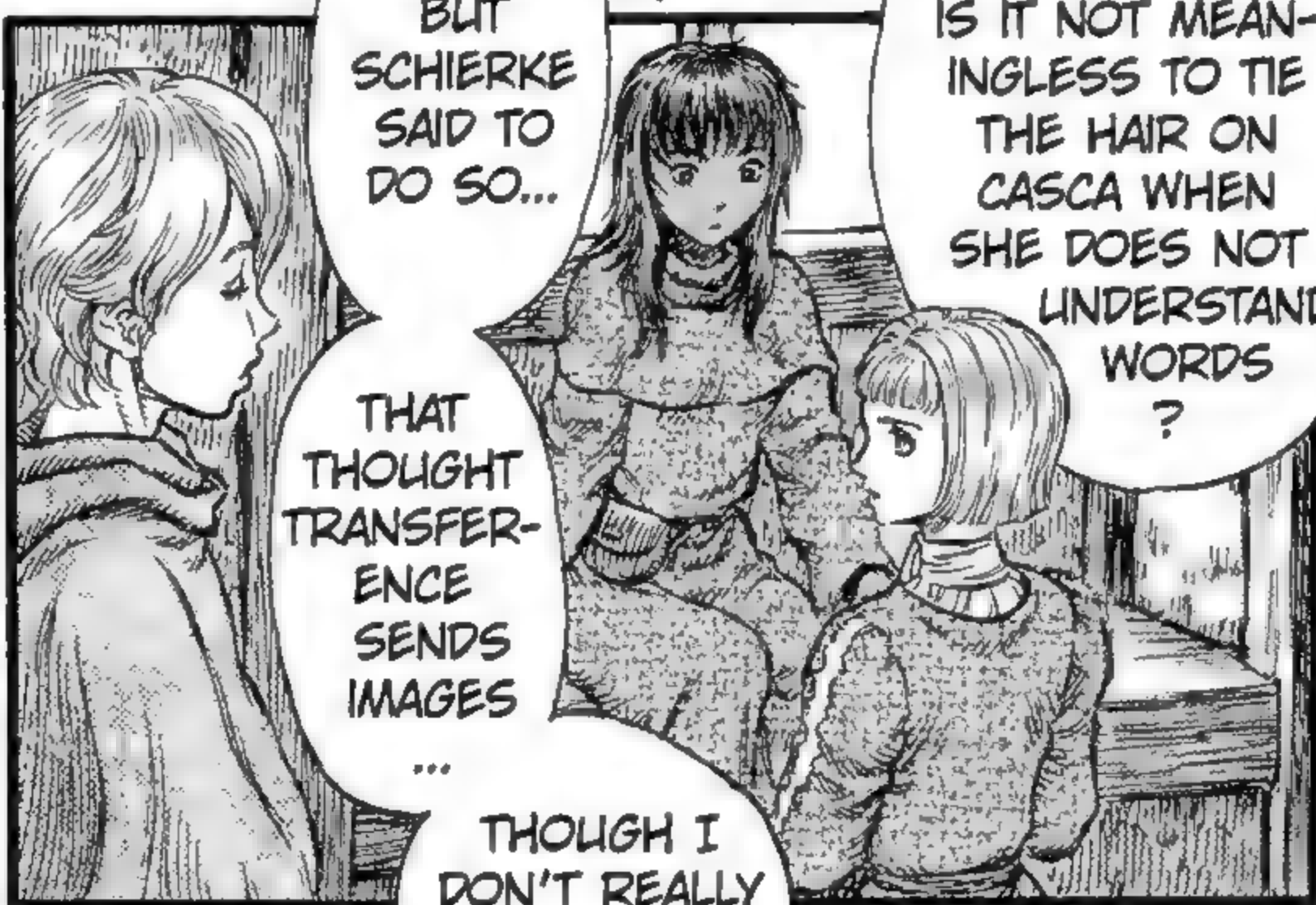
oo
oo



DON'T MOVE.

YAAA!
YAAA!

.....



BUT SCHIERKE SAID TO DO SO...

THAT THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE SENDS IMAGES

...
THOUGH I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND...

LADY FARNESE, IS IT NOT MEANINGLESS TO TIE THE HAIR ON CASCA WHEN SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WORDS?



...NO, THIS WHOLE JOURNEY IN THE FIRST PLACE... EVEN NOW IS SOMETHING I REALLY SHOULD STOP...

TO BE HONEST, I THINK THIS TROLL SLAYING...

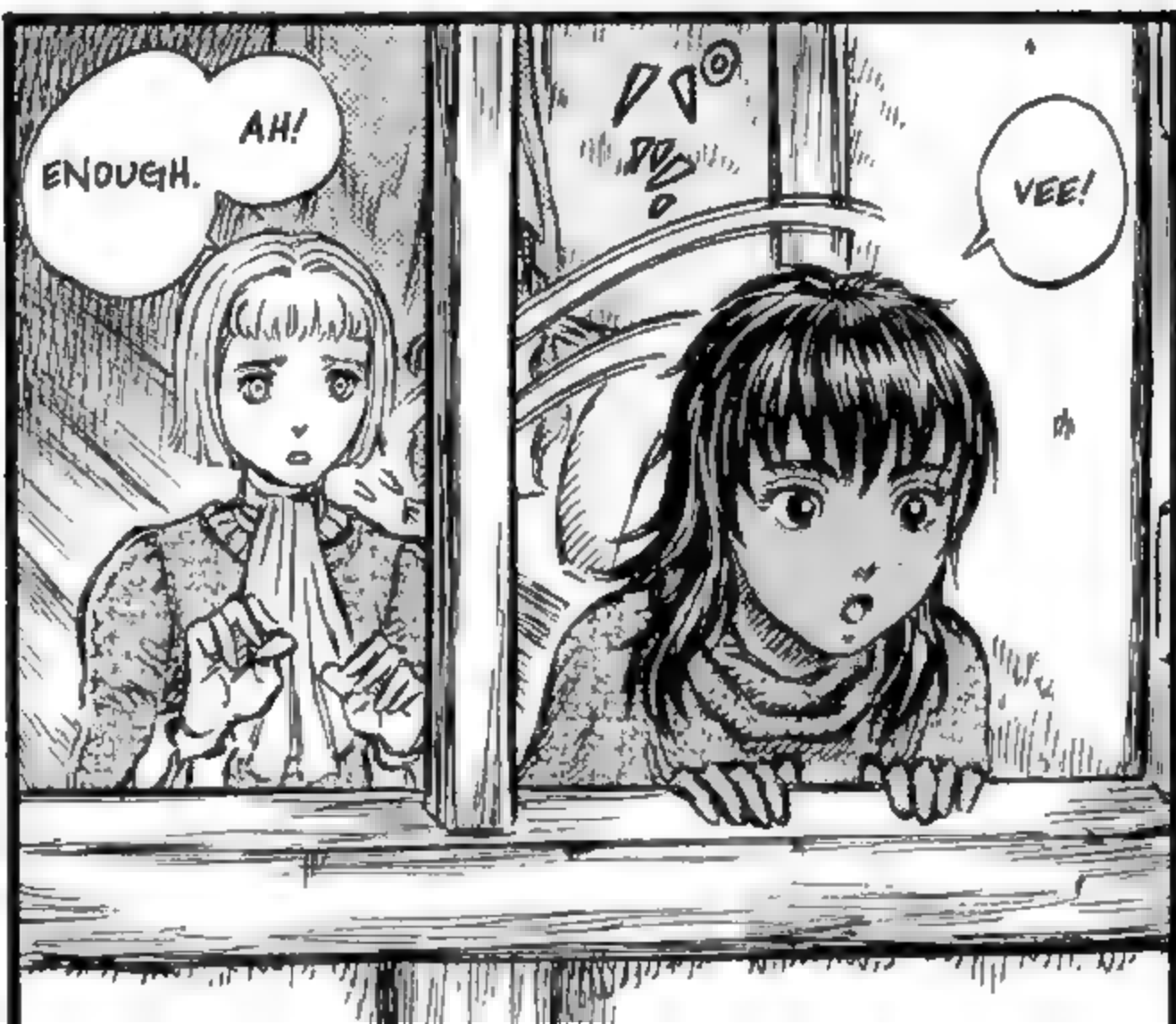
*FX: FLINCH



CASCA !!

*SMACK

*FX: LUNGE

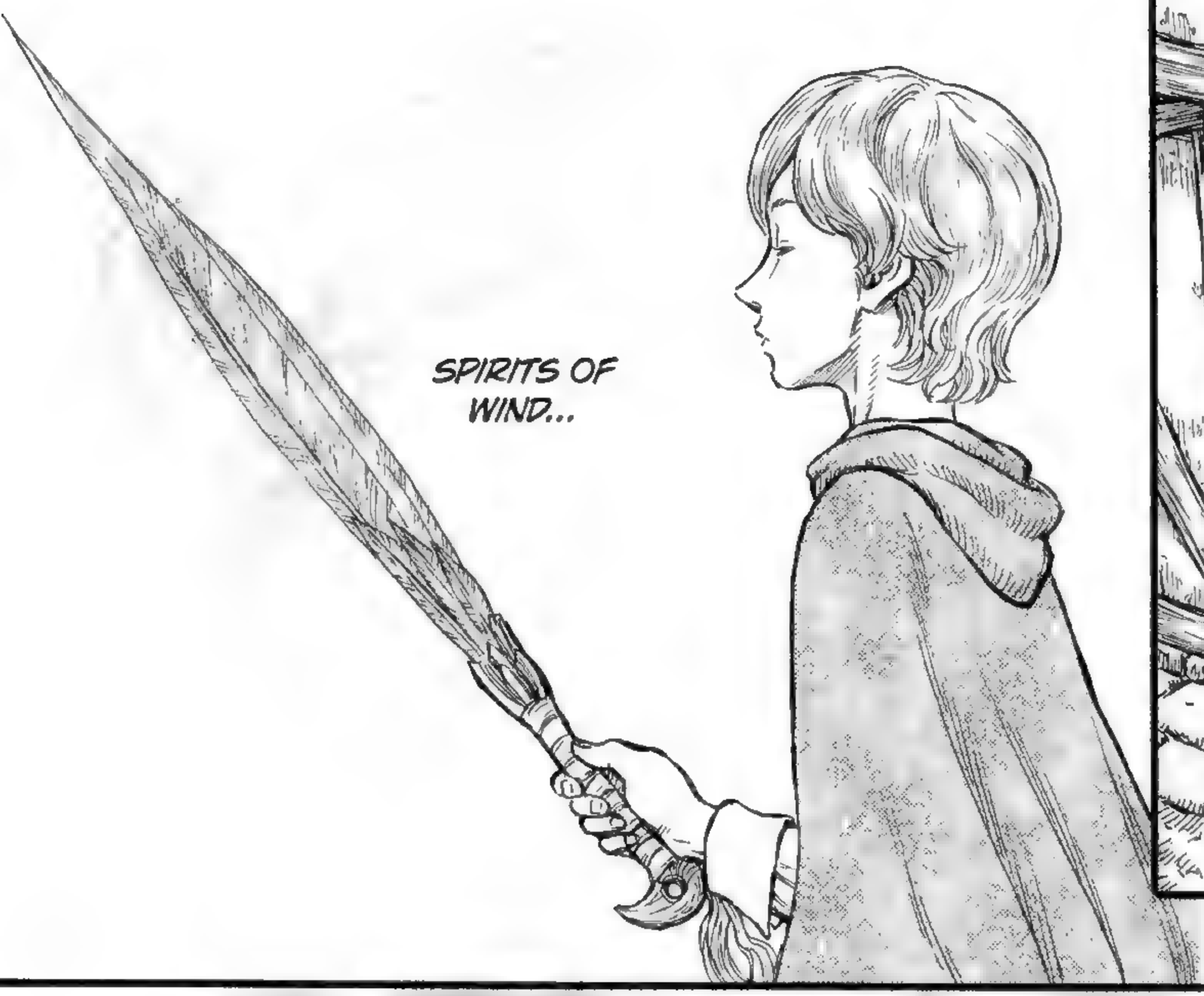


ENOUGH.

AH!

VEE!

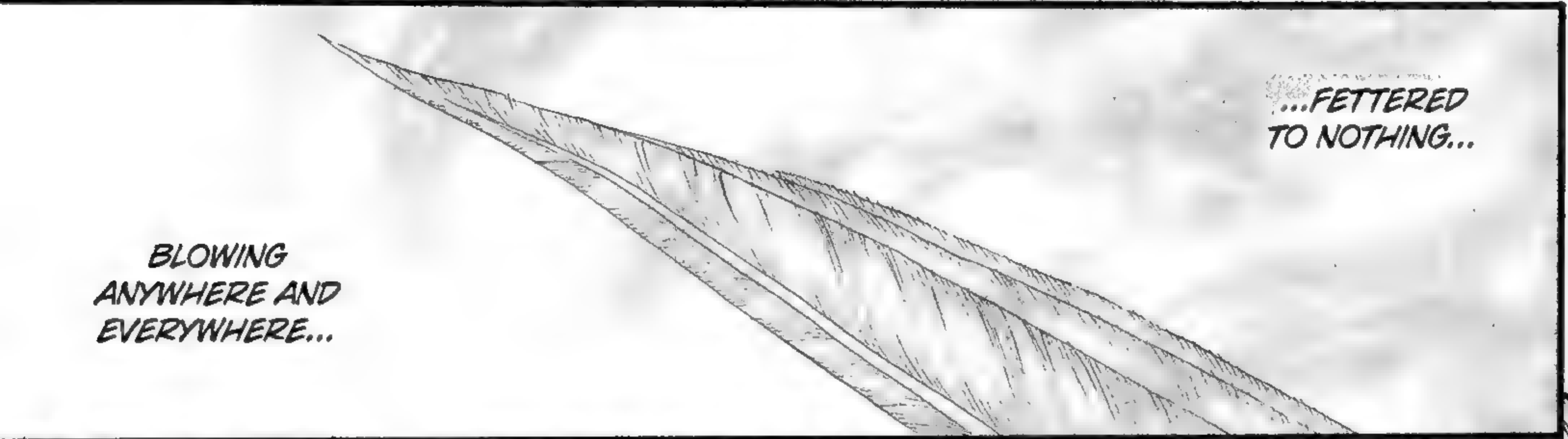




SPIRITS OF
WIND...



*FX: BTAM



BLOWING
ANYWHERE AND
EVERYWHERE...

...FETTERED
TO NOTHING...

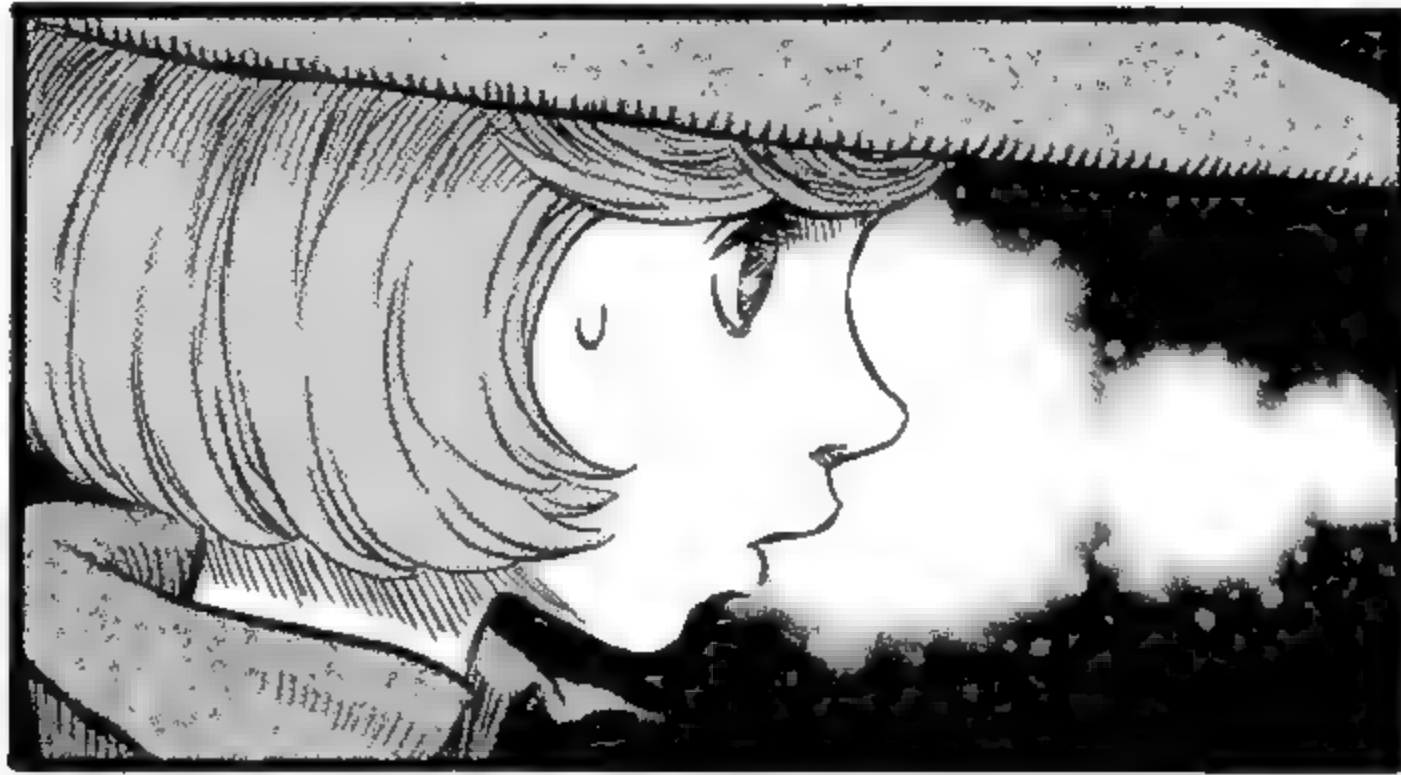


THEY ARE
WHAT IS
MOST ALIEN
TO ME.

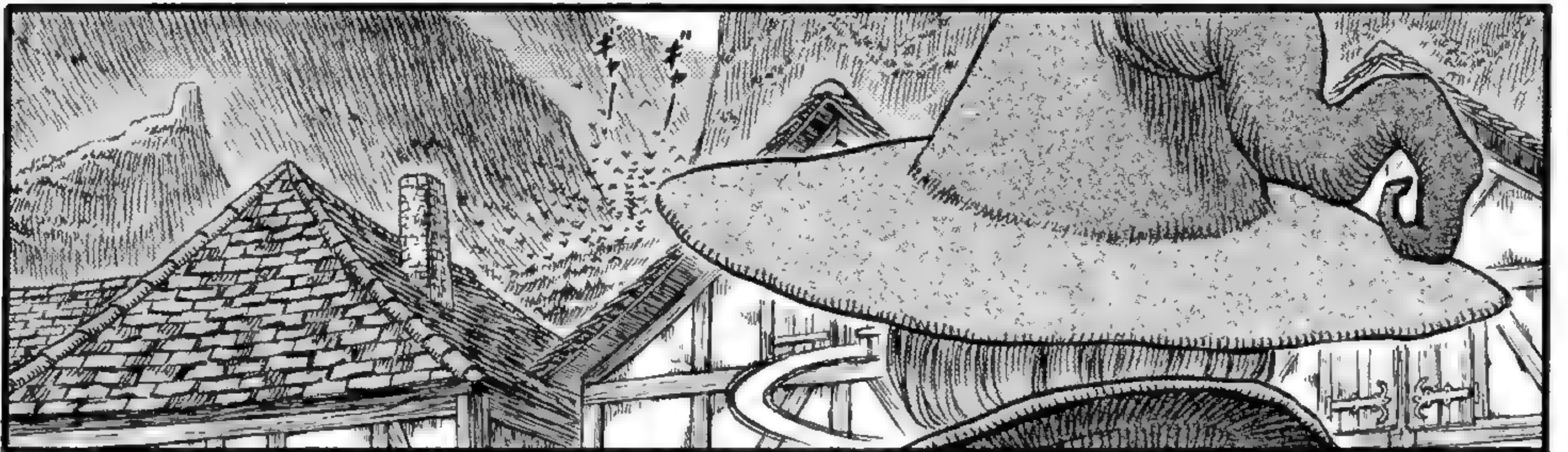
IT IS
IRONIC.



*FX: VYUUUUU

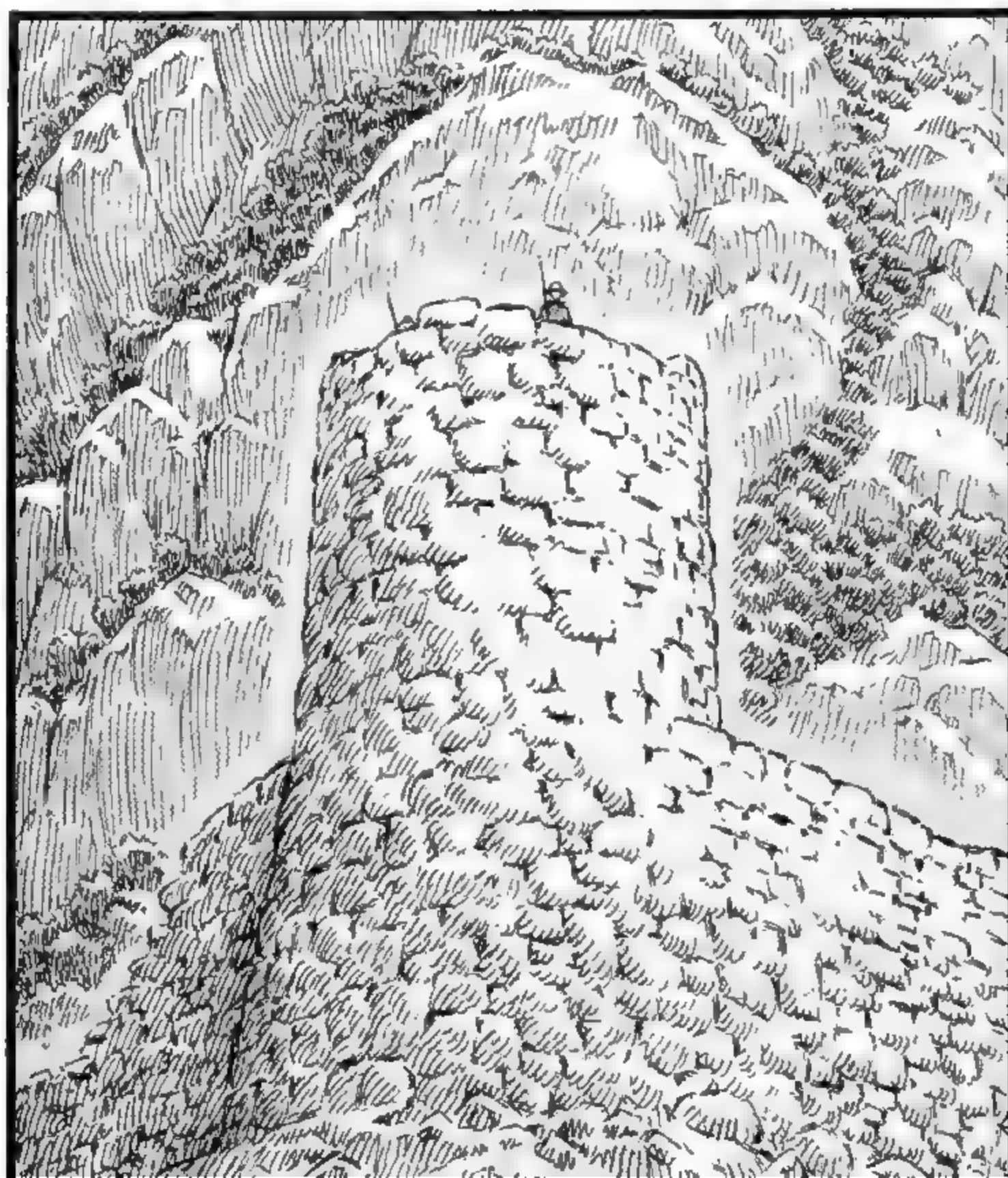


*FX: CAWWW CAWWW

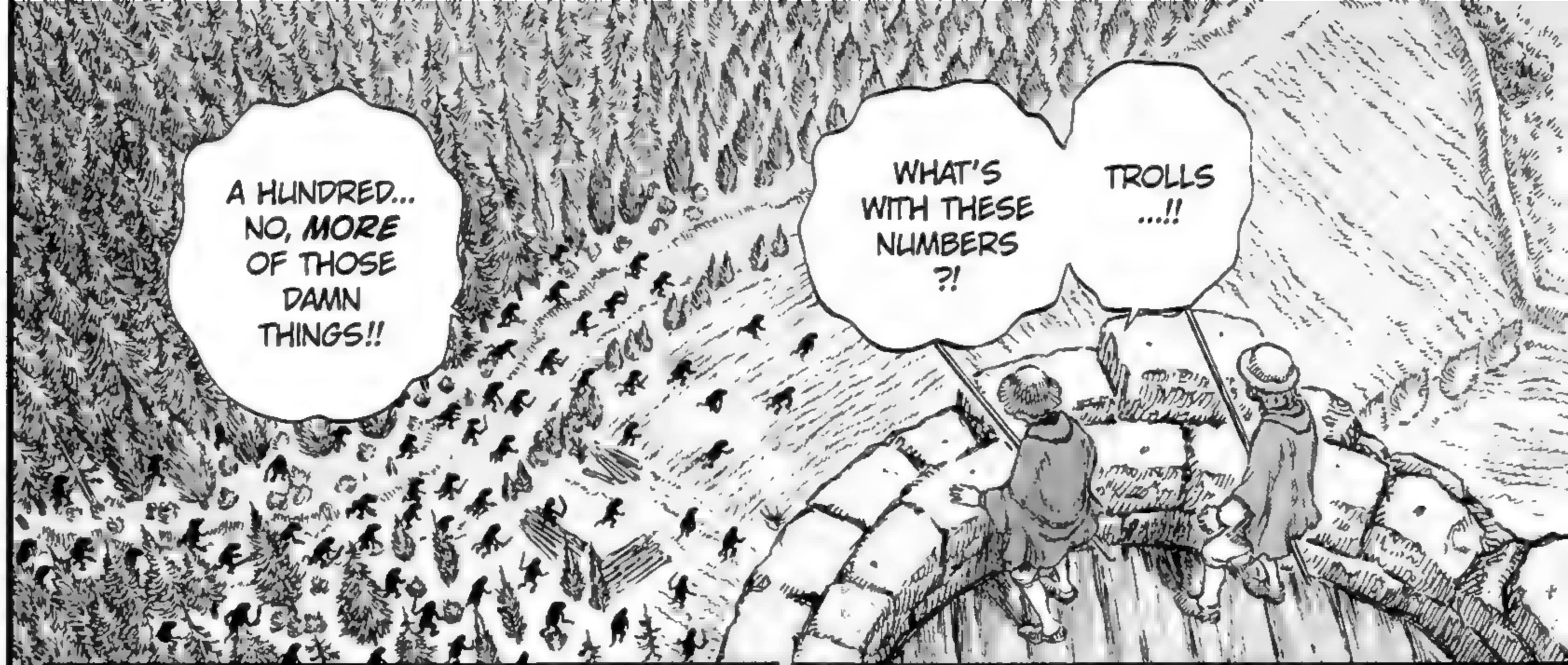




*FX: CAWWW CAWWW







A HUNDRED...
NO, *MORE*
OF THOSE
DAMN
THINGS!!

WHAT'S
WITH THESE
NUMBERS
?!

TROLLS
...!!



OH,
RIGHT
...!!

FIRST
THE
HORN
!!



THEY'VE
RUN OUT
OF THINGS
TO STEAL...

H-HEY!!
IF WE DON'T
FLEE SOON,
WE'RE IN BIG
TROUBLE!!

...SO THIS
TIME THEY
MEAN TO EAT
EVERY-
THING!!

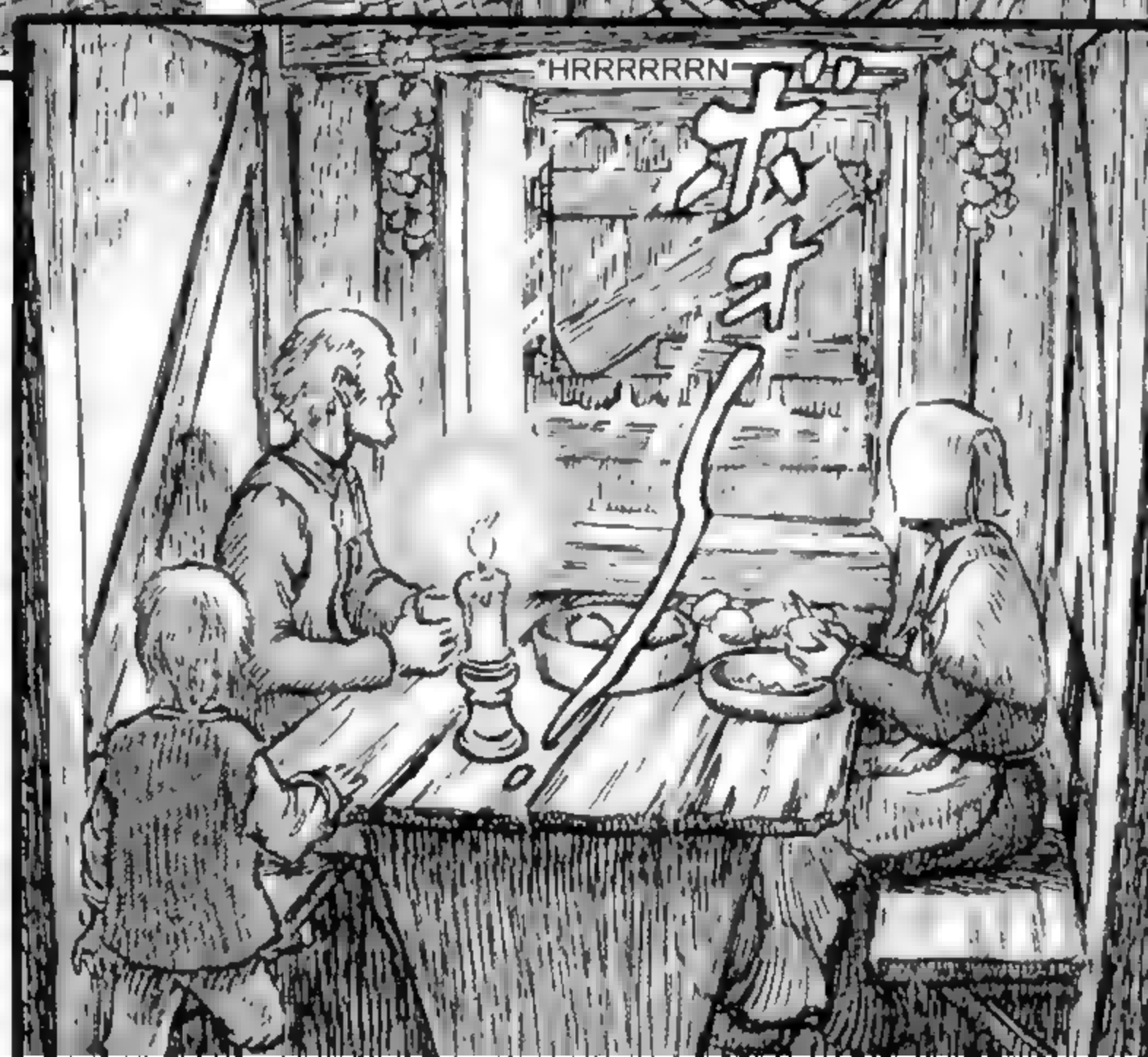
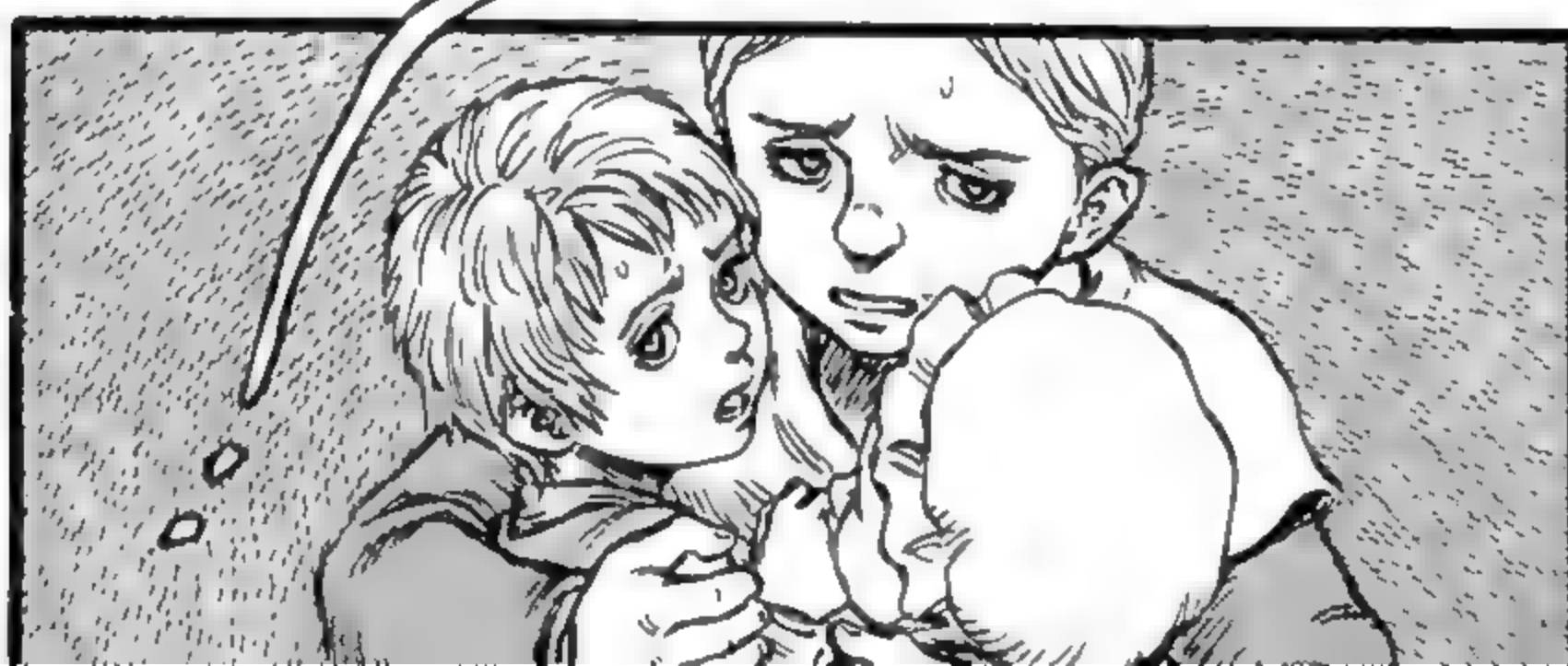


*HRRRRRN

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*HRRRRRN



*HRRRRRN

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IT'S A HUGE
PACK OF
TROLLS!!

EVERYONE
TO THE
CHURCH!!



ANYWAY, LET
US GO TO
THE CHURCH.
ALL THE VIL-
LAGERS ARE
GATHERING
THERE.

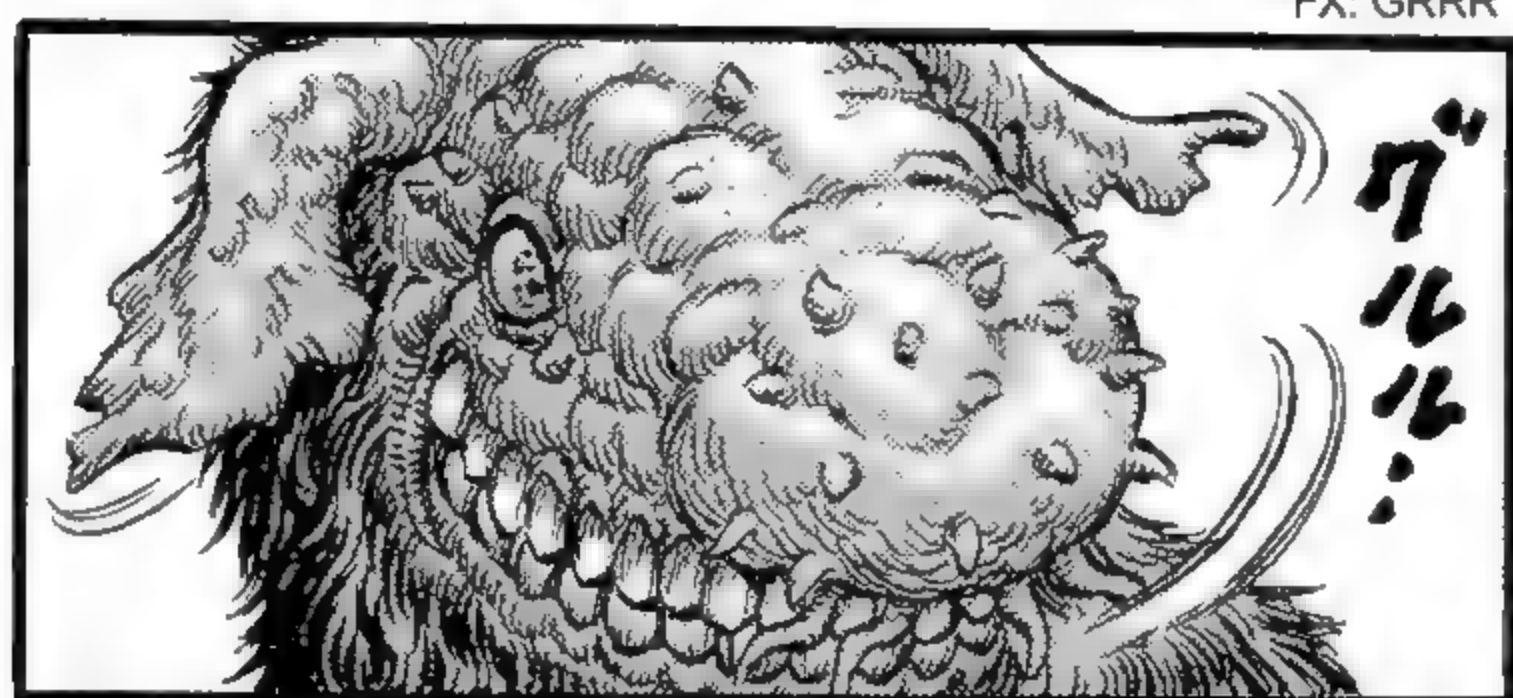
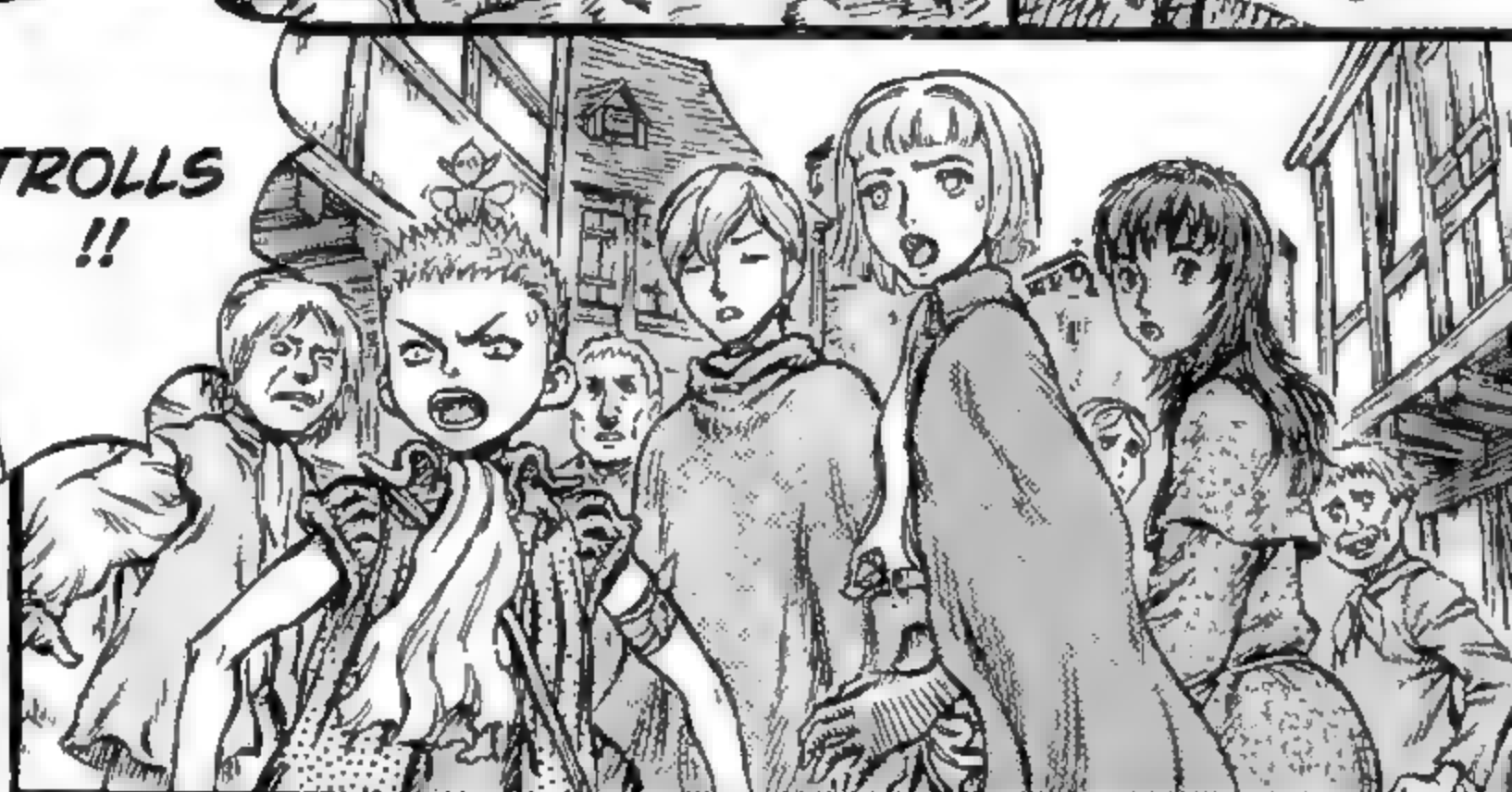
WE DID,
TOO.

I GOT THAT
THOUGHT TRANS-
FERENCE ALREADY!
SURE IS HANDY!

CREEPY,
THOUGH!

*FX: DSSH







SPIRITS...
SPIRITS...



REMEMBER
SCHIERKE'S
WORDS
!!

SERPICO
!!

ELEM-
ENTA

OH...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

BE
PRECISE!

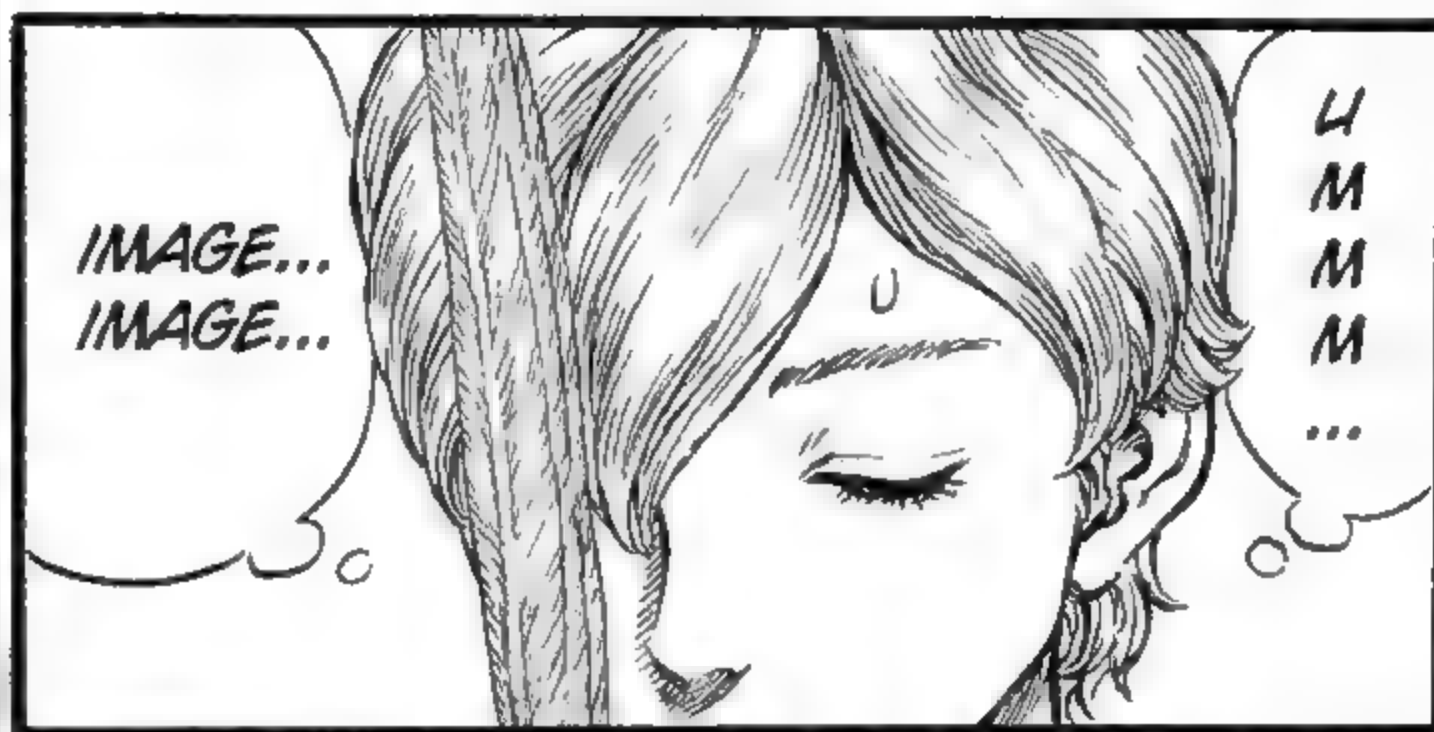


IMAGE...
IMAGE...

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YES...

IT FELT
LIKE THIS.



*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

*ZHA

IGHH!

AGGHH!

WHOA!
HERE THEY
COME!



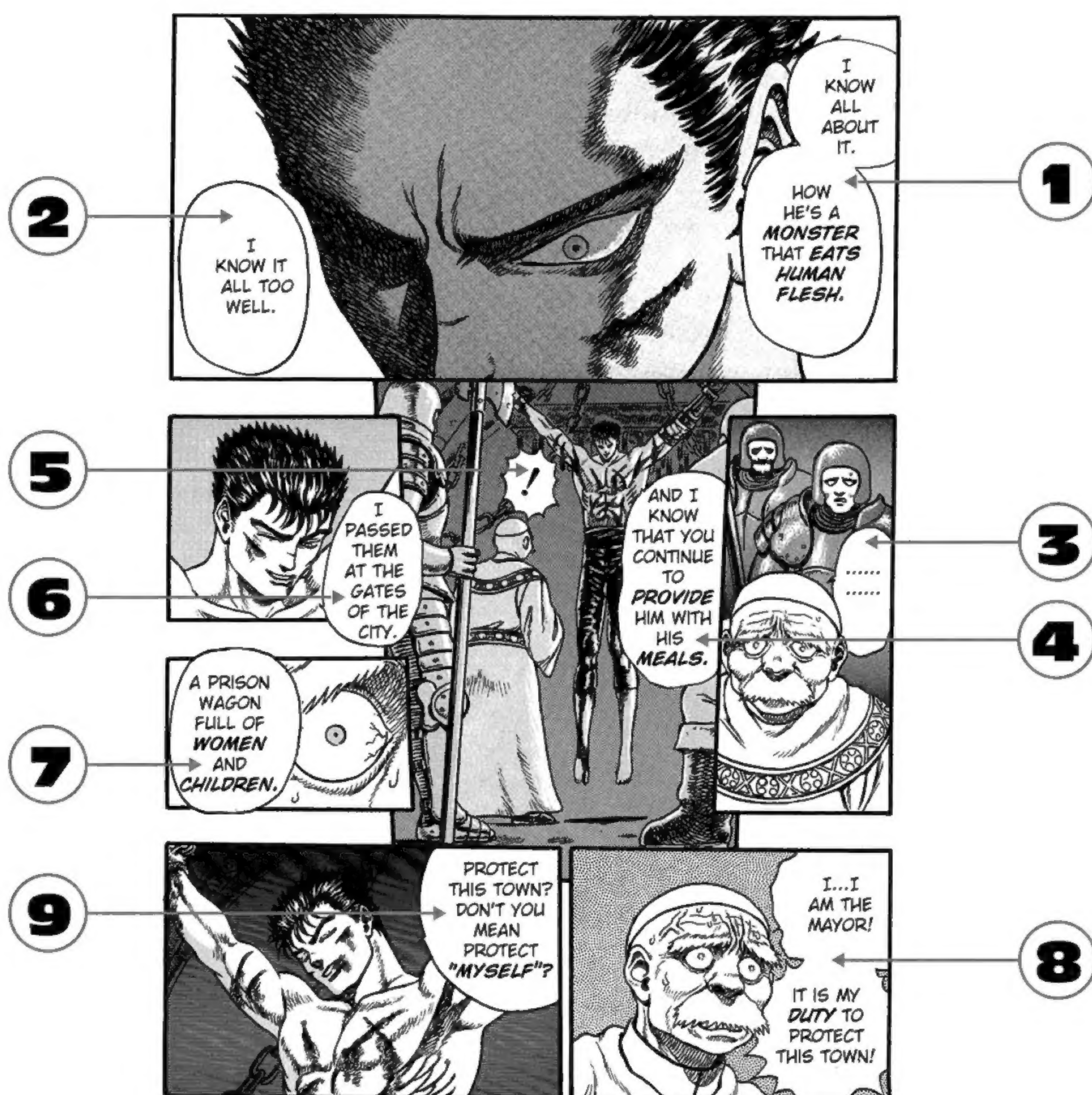
I AM
DEPENDING
UPON YOU,
SPIRITS
!!



STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
MIURA**

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ベルセルク
三浦建太郎

Desperate to find a sanctuary where his lover, Casca, will be safe from the demons drawn to her Brand of Sacrifice, Guts the Black Swordsman pushes his motley band of followers onward toward fairy Puck's homeland, Elfhelm. With new allies who make their home in a mystically guarded woodland paradise, Guts' goal seems within reach, but danger lurks in the shadows of even the most dazzling utopias, and even fairy witchery may not protect Guts and his companions from an army of marauding, murderous trolls!

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